

# 7TH IN MUNICH; BERLIN FALL IS IMMINENT

Here were the breathtaking developments yesterday which wrote one of the blackest pages in fascism's history . . . the page before the final FINIS:

1. The American Seventh Army, advancing 28 to 35 miles, drove into Munich, Germany's third city and last bastion guarding the Bavarian redoubt. Munich, birthplace of Nazism, offered no resistance.
2. Mopping up Berlin, the Red Army hemmed its suicide garrison into 10 square miles. North of the capital the Second White Russian Army crashed into Mecklenburg Province.
3. British commandos and Scot infantrymen crossed the Elbe at Lauenburg, 23 miles south of Hamburg and about 60 miles west of the Red Army.
4. Benito Mussolini lies dead in Milan's public square. The fascist dictator and 45 of his henchmen were tried by a people's tribunal and executed.
5. The American Fifth Army, capturing Milan, viewed Mussolini's remains, and drove to the Swiss border, cutting Italy in two. The British Eighth seized Venice, earlier reported in partisan hands.
6. A provisional Austrian Government was formed in Vienna with Dr. Karl Renner, Social Democrat as chairman. Communists, Socialists, Catholics and non-party members share cabinet posts.



When Benito Mussolini Strutted

## Patch's Men Smash 28 Miles

PARIS, April 29 (UP). — Infantrymen and tanks of the United States 7th Army crashed into Munich, birthplace of the Nazi party and third city of Germany, from the north and southwest today after racing 28 to 35 miles without resistance to climax one of the great breakthrough of the war.

As the Yanks entered Munich, Scots infantrymen and British Commandos crossed the lower Elbe at the northern end of the dissolving front and established a firm bridgehead in a threat to cut off Denmark and join with the Soviet army driving westward across the Mecklenburg plain.

An unconfirmed Brussels Radio broadcast reported that American troops had linked with Soviet forces in Austria and the Paris Radio, also unconfirmed, said that the American 9th Army, had attacked from its Barby bridgehead on the Elbe southwest of Berlin.

Dispatches describing the American drive into Munich said that no resistance was reported and it was believed that a rebellion of war-weary German troops in that city last Thursday night had set the stage for swift conquest of the Nazi party's birthplace.

Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins' 42nd (Rainbow) Division, which Gen. Douglas MacArthur commanded in World War I, climaxed a 35-mile drive from its last-reported position at Aidling to enter the revolt-torn city from the northwest.

The 12th Armored Division, which crossed the Lech River near Mulhausen yesterday, raced 28 miles and crashed into Munich from the southwest. Dispatches said the two columns were expected to join forces within the city momentarily.

Munich, the last great city in southern Germany guarding the northern wall of the Nazis Bavarian redoubt, has a population of 828,000 and at last reports was crammed with Nazi Elite troops prepared to make a stand to the death.

While the American tank and infantry columns were entering Munich, German prisoner officers appealed  
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# Italian Partisans Execute Mussolini

## BULLETIN

ROME, April 29 (UP).—Two British war correspondents saw the bodies of Mussolini and 17 of his henchmen in Milan today, it was announced officially.

ROME, April 29 (UP).—Benito Mussolini who gambled the destiny of Italy on fascism, has been tried by a People's Tribunal, executed by a firing squad and his body now is displayed in a Milan public square, the Partisan Radio at Milan announced today.

Put to death with Mussolini on Saturday, the report said, were 45 of his Fascist henchmen—big shots and small—who had been captured while trying to flee from Northern Italy. One of these was Claretta Petacci, last of Il Duce's many mistresses, according to Radio Libera (Free Radio).

The better-known fascists executed were said to include Carlo Scorza, party secretary; Achille Starace, a former party secretary; Alessandro Pavolini, another former

secretary; Dr. Paolo Zerino, High Commissioner of Rome during the Nazi occupation; Fernando Mezzasoma, Propaganda Minister, and Guido Buffarini-Guidi, former Secretary of State.

The execution of Roberto Farinacci, former Fascist Secretary General, was announced by the Milan Radio yesterday.

A sign near the bodies bore the cryptic legend: "Justice Has Been Done."

(Blue Network Correspondent Clete Roberts reported from Rome that an American officer who landed his plane at Milan and returned to Rome had confirmed Mussolini's execution.)

Premier Ivanoe Bonomi of the new Italian Government told the United Press:

"The career of an adventurer who has been gambling with his life and with the destiny of his country has tragically ended. Fortunately, the country is not dying and will revive."

A bank clerk, one of the thousands who gathered near the Pa-

lazzo Venezia where Mussolini used to strut, said that "it was about time because he was already a corpse and stinking too much." A shopkeeper said "he deserved what he got," and a housewife was "sure that the north would not let him escape."

Others reported to have been executed included Augusto Liverani, Fascist Under-Secretary for Communications; Oskaldo Valenti and Luisa Ferida, movie stars who had been accused of torturing patriots and spying for the Germans; Rugero Romano and Niccolò Bombacci and a Signor Dacquanno, journalists; Goffredo Coppola, rector of Bologna University; Leandro Arpinati, leader of Bologna fascists; Francesco Barraco, one of the Fascist leaders in Rome during the German occupation, and Gino Bardi, former secretary of Rome Fascists.

It was learned in reliable non-military Allied quarters that the trial and execution of the fascists by the patriots was considered legitimate since the Patriots' Com-

mittee is the only legal government in unliberated northern areas recognized by both the Italian Government in Rome and the Allied Military Government.

Pietro Nenni, head of the Socialist Party and editor of Avanti!, proclaimed Mussolini's death with satisfaction, saying "Italy can now go forward to meet its destiny."

By JAMES E. ROPER (United Press War Correspondent)

MILAN, April 29 (UP).—Italian patriots executed Benito Mussolini yesterday, and today a crowd is kicking and spitting on his remains lying in the center of this city where Italian fascism was born.

Mussolini died shouting "No! No!" to a firing squad which took his life, and that of his mistress, near the village of Dongo on Lake Como at 4:10 p.m.

The body was taken by truck to Milan and dumped in the city's square.

A bullet penetrated Mussolini's bald head through the left fore-

head and passed entirely through it, tearing out part of the skull above and behind the right ear.

The brains which took Fascist Italy into the war ooze onto the filth of a dirt plot in the center of Milan.

Along with Mussolini, the patriots killed his mistress, Clara Petacci, and 16 other Fascists, many of them members of his Cabinet.

The bodies of all were brought to Milan, which American 5th Army troops entered today. A crowd of over 5,000 persons immediately set upon the corpses marking the final end to fascism which carried Italy to its doom.

All bodies were strewn about a small area. A few patriot guards tried to hold the crowds back but the guards were shoved back so that they stepped on the bodies.

While I was examining the remains today, the crowd surged forward and almost shoved me atop the body. Partisan guards began firing into the air and some semblance of control was regained.

## Soviets Hem in Nazi Berlin Suicide Garrison

LONDON, April 29 (UP).—The Red Army hemmed the remnants of Berlin's suicide garrison into 10 square miles of the flaming Tiergarten and Unter Den Linden area today, capturing the notorious Moabit Prison district and 177 square blocks of the inner city.

The big Anhalter railroad station 600 yards south of Potsdamer Platz, exact center of Berlin, also fell to Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's veterans of Stalingrad, a Soviet communiqué announced. German broadcasts said the Russians had burst through to the courtyard of the Royal Palace at the eastern end of Unter Den Linden.

A huge German pocket southeast of the capital was simultaneously liquidated with the capture of 40,000 enemy troops, the Soviet communiqué announced, making total German casualties in the battle of Berlin about 150,000 men in nine days.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian Army driving into the center of Berlin from the south cleared out the Wilmersdorf district and reached the Berlinerstrasse at the southwestern edge of the Tiergarten, the communiqué said.

### END IS NEAR

Berlin's fall appeared imminent as unofficial Moscow reports said that Soviet vanguards already had broken into the gun-girded Tiergarten, last Nazi lair in the city.

Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army north of the crumbling capital, swept 20 miles through the lake defenses of Germany's northern redoubt and drove within 55 miles of the big port of Rostock.

Advancing on a 45-mile front, his troops captured the important road junctions of Anklam, Friedland, Neubrandenburg and Lyck. Marshal Joseph Stalin announced in an Order of the Day.

At Anklam, 44 miles northwest of Stettin, they outflanked and virtually isolated the island port of Swinemünde which commands the entrance of Stettin Bay. At Neubrandenburg, they drove closest to Rostock and also struck within 110 miles of British troops pouring over the Elbe at Lauenburg south of Hamburg.

Cavalry-led columns on Rokossovsky's southern flank, reaching

Lyck, moved within 63 miles of U. S. Ninth Army forces on the Elbe south of Wittenberge.

"Day and night-long our artillery hammers the center of the capital," wrote the Pravda correspondent, Maj. Semen Borzenko. "The ground is groaning like an earthquake. The walls of houses are pocked with bullets and shell-holes and our feet are sinking in the broken glass. Our throats are smarting from the fumes of burning leather and textile depots."

Tanks under Col. Gen. Pavel Rybalko captured a huge factory district including tanks, aircraft engine and munitions works, Moscow dispatches said. Beneath them they found hundreds of Soviet slave women who had been keeping up production to the last minute under the guns of their oppressors. Soviet officers and men were accorded brief leaves to hunt for their own abducted wives, daughters or friends.

Battles still raged through the city's 50 miles of subway tunnels, the dispatches said. The Red Army had mastered this problem by blowing down walls on the Germans as they shifted through the passages to counter-attack Soviet rear positions. Thousands of Germans had been crushed, smothered or burned to death in these catacombs.

## 'Surrender' Dud Disappointing; People Expect Real Thing Soon

America waited tensely, excitedly Saturday for confirmation or denial of the rumor that Germany had surrendered unconditionally to all three Allies with no strings attached.

At 9:36 p.m. President Truman announced that Gen. Eisenhower had denied the rumor.

In San Francisco Sen. Tom Connally had told a reporter that Germany's surrender had been received. He later admitted that his information was based only on the hope

and conviction he shares with people everywhere that Germany's hours are numbered.

Meanwhile Connally's statement, reportedly from "authoritative" sources, was electrifying the world, setting off celebrations everywhere. President Truman, while awaiting Eisenhower's final word, even started drafting a proclamation to the American people.

### THEY UNDERSTOOD

When the denial came, the let-down was not disastrous. People

realized that if the big news didn't break today, it would surely break very soon. They understood in any case that the war in Europe cannot end until all Germany is occupied, until the Crimea decision to wipe out German fascism altogether is fulfilled.

The celebrations were quieted by the realization that many soldiers must remain to police defeated Germany, to seize war criminals, exact reparations, assure the destruction of Hitler's military ma-



ROKOSOVSKY

## Reach Swiss Line As Milan Falls

ROME, April 29 (UP).—Allied troops today captured Milan, cradle of fascism, seized ancient Venice and broke through to the Swiss border in a lightning thrust that completely split the disorganized Nazi remnants in northern Italy.

Milan was formerly occupied by troops of Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott's American Fifth Army after it had been cleared by Italian patriots. Troops of Lt. Gen. Sir Rich-

ard McCreery's British Eighth Army, in a 47-mile advance that smashed the Nazi Adige and Brenta River lines, took Venice under similar circumstances.

Both armies gained up to 50 miles as they swept forward on a 150-mile front from the Adriatic to the Alps in a pile-driver offensive rolling up to the back door of the Nazis' Bavarian redoubt.

The British seized Nostre, five miles northwest of Venice, and then swept down along a narrow causeway to enter and take the ancient city of canals and gondolas situated in the middle of Lake Venice.

### 100,000 NAZIS TAKEN

American tanks rumbled up to the Swiss border near Como and infantrymen of the 10th Mountain Division speared through to the northern tip of Lake Garda in a drive to within 117 miles of the American Seventh Army in Austria and 83 miles from the Brenner Pass.

Gen. Mark W. Clark's 15th Army group headquarters announced that the 21-day-old offensive already had resulted in the capture of more than 100,000 Nazi soldiers. The bag was increasing hourly as entire enemy divisions, their escape routes to the north severed, laid down their arms.

Prisoners said the German Army in Italy was starting to break up. The end of the long and bitter struggle which began more than a year and a half ago, when British troops landed on the tip of the Italian boot, was in sight.

The joy was bounded by the grim fact that Japan remains to be smashed.

People everywhere were ready to believe the surrender rumor, even before official confirmation, because surrender is in the air.

The Soviet Tass news agency confirmed that Heinrich Himmler actually had offered unconditional surrender to Britain and the United States and not to the Soviet Union. This offer, representing a last minute try to divide the Allies, was rejected.

Himmler asserted that Hitler is dying. United Press concluded that the Fuehrer had probably been murdered by his henchman.

The true and the untrue will soon be sifted, for the day of reckoning is at hand.



## 'Worker' Fund Drive Launched

Acclaiming the Daily Worker and The Worker as supplying a light in "the general darkness of commercial newspaperdom," Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political Association, stirred the delegates to the press conference at Tom Mooney Hall yesterday to launch a drive for \$100,000 for the papers.

Unanimously it was voted by the representatives of 198 organizations, shops and local unions to carry through the financial campaign from May 1 to July 4.

"Appalling" was the term which Browder used to characterize the conduct of the commercial press in

*The resolutions adopted at the Press Conference for the Daily Worker and The Worker and excerpts of other speeches will appear in subsequent issues. Earl Browder's speech to be found on page 8.*

regard to the San Francisco conference. He designated many of their acts as something on "the borderline of treason" since every attempt to cast reflections on our Allies constitutes an injury to the United States itself.

### MARXIST GUIDE

The Daily Worker and The Worker, he pointed out, as editor-in-chief, are guided by Marxism. Because of that, they hew the line of American national interests, since Marxism trains its editors to think in terms of the mutuality of interest of nations and peoples.

The new conditions which arise from the victory over the Axis were stressed by Robert Minor, associate editor of the Daily Worker, in his address to the morning session. The great capitalist democratic countries—specifically the United States and Great Britain—have now the opportunity as never before to rid themselves of the nightmare of economic crisis and chaos. This is the case, he said, because "it is possible for the first time to have an expansion of world economy." The rising strength of the Soviet Union, he added, gave to the capitalist democracies the necessary addition by which they could defeat the Axis. That strength will be a big factor, joined with the United States, and Great Britain, for the forging of the peace.

### MINOR'S TRIBUTE

Minor hailed the Daily Worker as "the most important newspaper in all the western half of the world," since, "small though it is," it has something that no other paper has. He also praised the presence at the conference of so many trade union delegates.

Rockwell Kent, the noted artist, who acted as chairman of the opening session, declared that he was thankful he had been able to "think right" during the years that have passed. "This was due to no genius on my part," he asserted, "no superman of a mind. But it is due to the fact that I sought guidance in the columns of the Daily Worker."

"The hope of America," he declared, "lies in no small degree upon what strength the American people choose to give the Worker and the Daily Worker."

### 'MILLION DOLLAR' PAPER

Declaring that the \$100,000 drive is for a \$1,000,000 paper in its value to the nation, Louis Budenz, managing editor of the papers, said that the commercial press "out of its own mouth" was indicting its bad conduct on San Francisco. He quoted an editorial in Saturday's Herald Tribune which acknowledged that the press has stimulated the possibilities of "ill feeling," and had been "inadequate" and unfair in its reporting on the Soviet Union and its delegation.

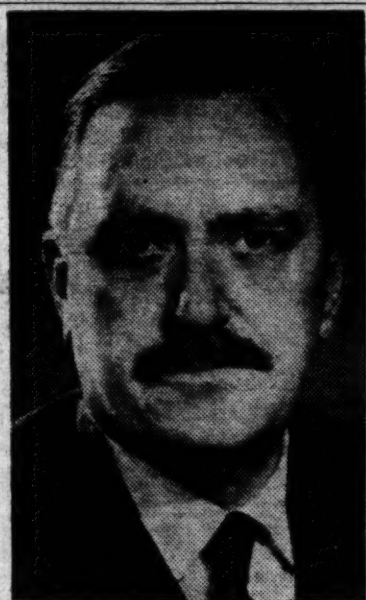
Not only in commission but in omission has it been guilty, he asserted, saying that in the case of Herbert Hoover's assault on San

Francisco "even the liberal press, and specifically PM" has maintained a strange silence. "And even the New York Times, which is editorially committed to Allied unity, runs a review of Hoover's book in its Sunday issue today which proclaims this disruptive document a guide to peace." In such a scene, with the big jobs before labor and the nation, the Daily Worker is a national essential, he declared.

### POTASH CHAIRMAN

Irving Potash, manager of the Joint Council of the Furriers Union, acted as chairman of the afternoon session and denounced an article by Arthur Krock appearing in the Sunday Times. "If seven years after Munich," he said, "an outstanding paper can run anything like that, so against peace and welfare of our nation," it is time to do even more than normally for the Daily Worker financial drive.

Councilmen Peter Cacchione and Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. stressed the value of the papers in the pressing problems ahead and specifically in the coming New York municipal elections. Alexander Trachtenberg introduced as one of the founders of the Daily Worker, called the delegates' attention to May Day this coming Tuesday and



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the part that May Day celebrations had played in the history of the two papers.

A brisk and informative discussion was participated in by many delegates from trade unions and other organizations. Among these were Claudia Jones, of the American Youth for Democracy; Julius Zupan, Local 905 of the Brotherhood of Painters, AFL; Ralph Sommers, Local 227, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union; Joseph Levy, vice president of the United Office and Professional Workers; Frank Cmero of Local 428, UE, Sam Nessin, Local 830, Wholesale and Retail Workers Union, CIO; Harry Wilkes, Lodge 500, IWO and Andrew Overgaard, Board member of District 4 of the UE.

## USS Roosevelt Launched Here

By United Press

The 45,000-ton USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of the two largest aircraft carriers ever built, was launched in drydock today at the New York Navy Yard and dedicated—in the words of Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal—"to the aims of the man whose name she bears: winning the war and keeping the peace."

Black-veiled but smiling, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late President, watched as the waters of the East River were let into the

# Frisco Faces Test on Oaks Amendments

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—As the world security parley reconvenes tomorrow morning, it is already plain from the scores of amendments and the speeches of the smaller delegations that serious endeavors are being made to limit the authority of the proposed Security Council and expand the powers of the General Assembly. The structure of the Dumbarton Oaks plan is about to be rigorously tested. The steering committee executive will meet at 10:30 a. m. (PWT) with a plenary session Monday afternoon at which it is hoped that all delegations who have not yet spoken perhaps a dozen or more—will be heard. Then the commissions will get started, certainly by Tuesday afternoon.

They will deal with the problems of the preamble, the functions of the Assembly, then the Security Council, and finally all problems of a judicial nature like the World

## Experiments With WirePhoto At Frisco

Special to the Daily Worker

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—It's hard to say whether there are more newspaper people or delegates at this great gathering. Sometimes it looks and sounds like a Guild convention. . . . The N. Y. Times is making an interesting experiment, by sending four of its pages through a special Associated Press wirephoto process, which is then reproduced here. The type is a bit blurred but otherwise it looks like the beginning of something new in the newspaper business—your paper each morning by wireless. . . . The N. Y. Post is putting out a special edition here, and an interesting tale hangs thereon. One of the best small presses here belongs to the People's World, the progressive West Coast paper. The Post was all set to use the PW press when the New York office found out about it, and said thumbs down. So the anti-Communist bias, transported across the continent, makes it necessary for the Post to send its copy by motorcycle to suburban Oakland across the bay. . . . Do you know who are most excited about this parley among the Golden Gate citizens? It's the high school boys who were selected to usher the delegates around, do special messenger work, etc. . . .

The problem of official languages at this parley has a certain political significance. Originally, only three official languages were scheduled: English, Russian and Spanish. The French were very peeved, remembering the days of Geneva. It is reliably reported that Gen. deGaulle threatened to withdraw his delegation here unless French was acknowledged as an official tongue. At the same time, it's become plain that Russian and Spanish will not be translated through earphones as is the usual procedure for international parleys. So some compromises are being made. English is to be the "working language." Russian, English and Spanish—the official languages. And all documents will also be published in French.

Court. These four commissions have 10 subcommittees. It is here that the work of thrashing out the amendments will take place, and Friday has been set as the deadline for all these proposals.

The American delegation, it is known, has some 10 or 12 amendments to offer. The most serious of these includes Sen. Vandenberg's idea to have the World Security organization review wartime political treaties, and General Assembly, where all nations large and small sit as equals, would have these rights, not the Security Council.

### AMERICAN PROPOSAL

Second, it will be proposed to make amending the organization's charter easier under the Dumbarton Oaks plan. Amendments to the finished charter require ratification by all the Big Five and a two-thirds vote of the Assembly. The new American proposal, while requiring a three-quarter vote in the Assembly also provides that seven members of the Security Council, not necessarily the Big Five, can make amendments possible.

The speeches of the smaller delegations on Friday and Saturday disclosed a very substantial support for rather extensive changes in the Dumbarton Oaks plan, though it need not be assumed that all these changes will pass through the sieves of the commissions.

To begin with, the powers of the Security Council, its composition and method of selection, are under attack. Almost all speakers have emphasized that "power must be used wisely," and almost all have said in flowery language that justice and moral standards are the attributes of small nations, as well as large ones. All this could be taken as mere truisms, if it did not disclose serious attempts to hedge around the authority of the Security Council.

Egypt, for example, wants 14 instead of 11 members more in the Security Council, but it does not wish to "risk the hazards" of balloting for non-permanent seats. It wants in effect, that the great powers select the smaller nations who are sure to support them. The Australians, with a series of rather critical amendments, oppose the right of the Security Council to decide on whether disputes should be adjudicated and how; they want that left to the Assembly. Egypt, again, wants a system of regional "security councils" which would of course nullify the entire Oaks setup.

Similar ideas are sure to come from Brazil and Mexico, and they raise sharply the unsolved problem of the relation between the Inter-American Security system and the World Security Council.

France, with some light "reservations" has not yet spoken. Her foreign minister, George Bidault, declined to speak in the alphabetical order, but he will certainly press for the automatic functioning of alliances. This in itself would cause no hardship if it were certain that France will stand by the great powers and not take up a sharply critical stand toward their leadership here.

### MIDDLE POWERS' HAND

A second focus of the amendments involves increasing the pow-

ers of the General Assembly, and finding some formula to give greater representation to the so-called "middle powers" like Brazil, Canada and Australia. Mackenzie King, Canada's delegation head, made this claim very clear on Friday afternoon. More finally, there is the whole category of proposals involving a Bill of Rights, the violations of which would be considered the occasion for some kind of action by the organization.

Then there is the problem of the World Court, with a strong group of American jurists urging that the court have "obligatory responsibility"; that is, the court itself would have the right to decide which cases to hear. This also would undermine the Security Council authority and give the court truly political powers. The official American view on this very crucial question will be made known tomorrow.

It would be wrong to say that all the speeches posed such vital and negative problems. Brazil, for example, endorsed Molotov's appeal that the smaller countries rally round the great powers to make the organization effective. Jan Masaryk, of Czechoslovakia, made an exceptionally moving speech on Saturday, and declined to offer amendments.

Nor am I suggesting that all these amendments are necessarily bad, and will not be scaled down in next week's commissions. It would be hypersensitive and unhistorical, for example, to resent the emphasis upon "justice" and "law" when it comes from many of the smaller nations, who have often felt the lash of injustice from certain great powers. The position of a country like Lebanon cannot be compared with the exploitation of the phrases "justice" and "law" by Sen Vandenberg. In any case, some declaration along these lines is certain to be adopted.

### BILL OF RIGHTS

Similarly, I know for a fact that the Chilean delegation will press for a Bill of Rights, which is also favored by such organization as the American Jewish conference, and representatives of Negro organizations. The Chileans have in mind the violation of human freedoms, as in Argentina. Their intentions are quite different from Herbert Hoover's who has the same idea.

Here also, the probable adoption of a Bill of Rights, with possible provisions for its enforcement, must not be viewed abstractly, but only in terms of what the charter as a whole will be like after it comes through the hopper.

In any case, the things to watch are the proposals for reviewing wartime agreements, for expanding the powers of the small nations, for limiting the authority of the great powers in the Security Council. And finally, the often neglected issue of the world court's powers.

There will be compromises, substantial wrangles over wording, and even momentary deadlocks in some of the sub-committees on all these points. We will have to maintain a sense of proportion about them, remembering always that while we don't want the Dumbarton Oaks plan emasculated, we do want to get it through the Senate.



# See Better Chance Now for Passage On Bretton Woods

## CPA Recruiting Drive On; Leaders Issue Challenge

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 29.—With delegates from 46 countries at San Francisco keeping one eye peeled on the battle for international economic cooperation in Washington, it is good news that sentiment in the House Banking and Currency Committee on Bretton Woods delegation underwent a change for the better during the recent House recess.

A partial canvass among committee members indicates the bill faces the most favorable situation to date.

Proponents of the bill who before Easter felt they

would be outvoted 14 to 13 now believe that they have gained two votes by the most conservative estimate. Indications are that Reps. Ralph A. Gamble (NY), Clarence E. Kilburn (NY), and D. Emmert Brumbaugh (Pa), all Republicans, are far from hostile to the bill if the Committee for Economic Development's proposals are accepted. These would allow the International Bank as well as the Stabilization Fund to make stabilization loans.

In addition, the secretary to Rep. Henry O. Talle (R-Ia) told a Daily Worker reporter that Talle was for the bill. And H. Street Baldwin (D-Md), who was understood to oppose it, has indicated to union delegations he will not vote against it. They are urging him to do more than abstain from voting—to vote for it.

Recent Baltimore Sun editorials supporting passage of the bill without the American Bankers Association amendment killing the Stabilization Fund, and supporting the CED proposals, which the Treasury has indicated are acceptable, may influence Baldwin.

A harassed secretary in the office of William B. Barry (D-NY), the other Democrat previously considered a "not" vote, pointed to a pile of several hundred communications from unions on the Bretton Woods bill when a Daily Worker reporter called.

"I'm going wild trying to answer these," she said. "He's going to vote for the bill, and going to vote against any amendments which would cripple it. I'm to get a letter multigraphed saying so. It's all I can do to address the envelopes."

### PERSONAL LETTERS BETTER

In too many cases, however, the communications flooding Congressmen's offices are postcards, printed in identical language. Personal letters are considered far more effective.

Jesse P. Wolcott (R-Mich), ranking minority member, still is playing an enigmatic role. He was away on a fishing trip over the weekend, but his secretary said very little mail was coming in on Bretton Woods.

Frank L. Sundstrom (R-NJ) is considered safely in the ranks of the dissidents, but his secretary told a Daily Worker reporter, "We are not getting as much mail as I'd expect, but it is mainly for the bill."

A somewhat but not overly op-

### What Can You Spare That They Can Wear?

Clothes from America—the hope of destitute, suffering Europe. The bundle of clothes you take to your neighborhood clothing collection depot travels a long way to reach its destination. From the depot to a warehouse, from a warehouse to a ship, from a ship overland by train or truck to some family in an Allied country that has suffered the ravages of war.

Yes, the bundle of clothes you prepare in your home today means new hope and the chance to live again—to 125,000,000 men, women and children who fought Nazi tyranny that they and Americans may be free.

timistic version of the committee lineup would have all 15 Democrats voting "aye," with four Republicans joining them, Talle, Gamble, Kilburn and Brumbaugh, and Merlin Hill (Prog-Wis) lining up against the bill with the seven remaining Republicans.

Both William R. Thom (D-O) and A. S. Mike Monroney (D-Okl) think the bill will be reported out favorably—and Monroney thinks that with the CED proposals it will pass the House in good shape.

Rep. John C. Kunkel (R-Pa), who went to England a month ago to feel out sentiment on Bretton Woods, and returned late Friday after viewing the atrocities committed by Germans on political prisoners and Jews, would not commit himself on the bill.

He did say, however, he found "a lot of opposition in England, and strangely enough, for the exact opposite of reasons named by the opposition here." He still is worried about operation of the Fund, however—"and if we got out in five years, say, we'd be considered a pariah."

By DOROTHY LOEB

Two recruiting races, designed to add more than 5,000 new members to the Communist Political Association ranks by June 1, got under way yesterday, one in New York City, the other upstate.

CPA county leaders in Manhattan, Kings, Queens and the Bronx joined in covenant with Gilbert Green, state president, and fixed terms for a stiff competition for the Earl Browder silver loving cup, an annual recruiting award, now held by Kings, which won it a year ago.

Upstate CPA organizations, competing for a Browder cup of their own, now held by Rochester, sounded the starting gun on their own race. Competing for honors there will be Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Southern Tier, Capital District, Westchester, Nassau and Orange. They're out for a total of 400 as against New York City's 5,000.

The competition pact was signed by Sam Wiseman, Manhattan; Isidore Begun, Bronx; Emanuel Blum, Queens, and Joseph Roberts, Kings.

They took these quotas: Manhattan, 1,700; Kings, 1,550; Bronx, 1,125; Queens, 425. The difference between the 4,800 and the 5,000 goal will be made up by other city groups not formal parties to the challenge. The Browder cup goes to the county coming through with the highest quota percentage.

Organizations held a whirlwind of activities over the weekend just past, and fixed tomorrow night, May 1, as the first milestone for counting results. Headquarters in all counties will be open until 11:30 p.m. or later to receive returns and by Wednesday morning it'll already be known who's leading.

Kings, pushing for 500 new members by tomorrow, with 300 of its quota already signed, expects to keep



Vying for recruiting honors—Communist Political Association county leaders with Gil Green, state president (seated), examine the Browder cup, the prize they're all seeking in current drive to build CPA membership. Cup will go to county signing up the greatest percentage of its quota. Left to right, Isidore Begun, Bronx; Sam Wiseman, Manhattan; Green, Joseph Roberts, Kings, and Emanuel Blum, Queens.

the Browder cup, according to Roberts. Ten rallies are on tomorrow. Forty CPA clubs are in the race. Weekend house meetings prepared the way. A few Brooklyn samples: East New York, seeking 15 by tomorrow, had nine in when the race started. Kensington Club, with 14 in, is after 10 more. Its results come from soliciting Worker readers.

Queens expects to cop the cup, Blum asserts. By percentages, it was beating the town when the drive began, he explains. The 140 already signed, he says, represent 30 percent on the dotted line.

### MANHATTAN MARCHING

Competitions within competitions add spice to Manhattan's rivalry. Communists in the Furriers Joint Council challenged Communists in Hotel and Restaurant Employees locals.

Manhattan also counts on the waterfront, which has already signed 90 of a quota of 125. Wiseman reports people are walking into club

headquarters asking for cards and that Worker sales are rising.

### BRONX BUSY

Bronx, which has already signed up 212 of its 1,150 goal, is out after 350 by tomorrow night. A committee consisting of William Vogel, Evelyn Montenegro, Bob Albert, J. J. Jenkins and Florence Schreiber will make prize awards at a Bronx County membership meeting May 9, at Bronx Winter Garden, Tremont Ave. State president Green will be a speaker.

The Buen Vecino (Good Neighbor) Club, which is holding recruiting parties every Saturday night and a specially big one tomorrow night. Bronx is organizing ace recruiters of a year ago and asking them to act as pace setters. At a May 15 meeting at the Bronx Coops, Ben Gold, furriers' president, will try for recruitments among needle trades workers, painters, etc., and a women's meeting May 19 at which Dr. Bella V. Dodd and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn will speak.

## 'Straight-Shooter' Molotov Wins Respect

Reprinted from late editions of The Worker, yesterday.

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—It's no exaggeration to say that the stocky, grey-haired, grey-suited Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov has been one of the decisive and dominant figures in the first few days of this parley.

And while the Hearst press—and even the respectable San Francisco Chronicle—have made him out to be an "enigma" and "trouble-maker," the attitude of the average man here is full of respect for the Soviet Union's chief representative.

This can be gauged by the applause which he commands and the general feeling that he is a straight-talker, a straight-thinker and fully ready for all reasonable adjustments.

The first real test came on Thursday afternoon, only half an hour before Molotov was scheduled to address the first plenary session. The steering committee had been meeting since ten in the morning. It was 2 o'clock and no news. The correspondents were chafing and manufacturing the news by a version of the well-known Haber process for making ammonia.

Haber, you remember, made use of the fact that air contains 79 percent nitrogen, and literally made ammonia, the basis of many important chemicals out of thin air. The correspondents were making their news out of thin air also, and their editors were also making explosive headlines out of it all day.

### CLARIFIES POLISH ISSUE

Suddenly word went around that Molotov would hold his first press conference at the St. Francis. It was electric news. His meeting with the correspondents was very dramatic. The really stupid ones, like Earl Wilson, N. Y. Post cabaret editor, asked such insulting questions, like how "Vodka" is pronounced, that even the correspondents booed. But Molotov replied evenly, and demolished him, by sardonically saying: "I like your accent."

But on the serious side, the most important thing which the Soviet Foreign Minister did was to remind most newspapermen here that they do not understand the Crimea decision on Poland. Everybody has assumed that the USSR is being stubborn about Poland, wants a "buffer Poland" or a "Soviet Poland." Even sensible correspondents fall for their own stories in this respect.

What Molotov accomplished was not only to convey his own personality—straightforward, somewhat sharp, always to the point—but he also showed that the real trouble on the Polish issue is the attempt to back out of the Crimea decision on the part of the Anglo-American members of the commission established at Yalta.

More fundamentally, Molotov showed that only a democratic Poland is possible, that such a Poland already exists in the Warsaw Government and that a new government must be formed on the basis of the existing Democratic united front in Warsaw. That is the meaning of his phrase: "The question cannot be settled without the Poles."

### A FEDERATION

Similarly, he made the correspondents think hard when he said that the Soviet Union requested representation in the assembly for the Byelo-Russian and Ukrainian Republics as a "minimum."

The real issue is not a matter of votes. It is a matter of making the world understand that the Soviet Union is actually a federation of different nations which have full sovereignty within their federation. Most Americans—correspondents especially—don't understand that.

It is about time this were more widely understood. The decision to invite the Ukrainian and Byelo-Russian Republic taken unanimously on Friday, is not merely a fulfillment of Crimea, not merely an augury of the success of this parley. It is actually a step in the process of the world understanding more profoundly the Soviet solution of the nationalities problem. Herein lies its historic importance.

### OPENING ADDRESS

And then there was the opening address, the official position of the USSR. I assume you have read it, but it must really be studied.

It is actually a political platform, not only for the world security organization but for the whole era of world relations now opening before us.

Most amazing was the absence of the ordinary generalities, the "profuse promises" which are customary in such speeches. It was actually a very tough, straightforward statement, with a careful balance between confidence in the Anglo-Soviet-American coalition and a warning against all complacency about the problems before this conference and the coalition as a whole. Molotov stresses first of all the "responsibility" before this meeting,

He returns to this theme several times, emphasizing that we must not minimize the difficulties here, "must not have our eyes closed," must "avoid illusions."

The crimes of Hitlerism, he says, must not be forgotten, nor must it be forgotten that Hitlerism found "unscrupulous henchmen and sanguinary accomplices" (quislings) everywhere, except in the Soviet Union where Hitlerism met its first "unflinching adversary."

While fully appreciative of his American and British allies, and carefully stressing the role of "China in Asia" and "France in Europe," Molotov did not vulgarize past history, however. He upheld the fact that the Soviet Union was the warning voice in the old League of Nations which was not heeded.

The Soviet Foreign Minister then warns against the people like Senator Vandenberg and his colleagues who are many in this parley, people who "under the sign of profuse promises" would actually upset the essential character of the Dumbarton Oaks plan.

### U.S. ROLE

And he even suggests that the patience of the peoples of the world cannot be counted on indefinitely. The Soviet Union will persevere in the task of preventing aggression, despite all difficulties. And it was a sign of the exceptional frankness of this speech that he even referred to the "former aloofness" of the United States, thus putting the burden for success of the parley and the organization upon us Americans. That viewpoint is shared by many of the European peoples here.

On the other hand, he warns the smaller nations that they must "be willing to rally around the leading powers." Those who are using "the most democratic watchwords" and "profess to protect the interests of



# World Labor Committee Ironing Out Snags

## Union Lookout

- GI Life Is Educational . . .
- Mr. Jack Straus Must Think So

by Dorothy Loeb



While R. H. Macy & Co. workers were soliciting customer support last week in the fight to get improvements in wages and conditions from management, a young soldier stepped up and signed one of the union postcards. The cards, urging management to make a quick and fair settlement, were addressed to Jack Straus, Macy president. The soldier's signature was Kenneth Straus, 729 Park Ave. He's the department store mogul's son. "Wait till they see this," someone heard young Straus say as he walked away.

CIO department store employees have won a new contract at Oppenheim-Collins. It provides a \$2 over-all wage increase for all on the payroll 30 days as of Feb. 1 and an additional \$1 boost for office and alteration employees. Several legal holidays with pay and severance pay plan are also provided. . . . Hotel Front Service Employees Local 144 proudly boasts a composer among its members. He's Irving Meyer, who worked at the Diamond Horseshoe. His song is There's Music in the Night and it has been published and Billy Rose's orchestra introduced it at the Horseshoe recently.

More than 20,000 cans of milk for Italy's children were contributed to American Relief for Italy, Inc., recently by Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65. . . . Arthur Osman, 65 president, is continuing his regular letter to members in the union paper, even though he's in the armed services. He's now at Fort Bragg, N. C., for training in field artillery. In addition to his regular duties, Osman is taking extra courses four nights a week at a non-com school.

The two regions in the CIO United Auto Workers that cast the highest vote for maintenance of labor's no-strike pledge in the union's referendum a few months back were California and District 8, which runs from Maryland south to Georgia. . . . California voted 87.4 percent for the pledge. Region 8, which has 20,000 members, nearly half its total in Maryland, cast 83.8 percent for uninterrupted production. . . . The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, which is constantly turning out new and more attractive pamphlets, has done it again. . . . This time it's a stunning, easy-to-read and very interesting report on the World Trade Union Conference by Albert J. Fitzgerald, UE president, who was a delegate to the London meeting. You can get it through the national office, 11 E. 51 St., New York City.

## Ford Local Runoff to Settle Close Contests

By HARRY FAINARU

DETROIT, April 29.—The first round in the elections in Ford Local 600 of the CIO United Auto Workers has resulted in a runoff for most of the top officers and for many contenders in lower units.

Shelton Tappes, recording secretary, and Tom Spowart, financial secretary, both progressive, lost out.

W. G. Grant, president, and Thomas Thompson, vice-president, are the main administration contenders in the runoff.

Wise Stone of the aircraft unit is the new recording secretary with 14,704 votes as against Tappes with 10,092 votes. Paul Taylor is the new financial secretary as against Spowart who obtained 8,941 votes.

Grant got 11,102 votes while Joe McCusker (ACTU) received 12,763. The third contender is Elwood "Doc" Shaffer with 2,363 votes. Thompson obtained 10,916 votes to Jim O'Rourke's 9,990; Pete Bacarello's 2,494, and O'Neal Varner's 1,971. All these are in the runoff.

Others in the runoff are Andy Dawer (Rolling Mill) and Thomas (Junior) James (Rolling Mill) for sergeant-at-arms; John Gallo (motor) and James F. "Jim" McNamara (transportation) for guide, and Paul Good (tire plant) and Bob Vezzosi (press steel) for trustee.

Trusted sources in the local attribute the administration setback to the fact that the leadership did

### Hudson Local Elects Progressive Slate

DETROIT, April 29.—Claude Bland, president, and the rest of the progressive slate have been reelected by Hudson Local 154 of the CIO United Auto Workers in a run-off, ordered by the international.

Bland received 3,738 votes to 3,511 for W. A. Germain, Trotskyites and supporters of Walter Reuther, UAW vice-president, conducted a vicious anti-CIO campaign against

Elected with him were J. Chatwin, L. Moore, Mort Pearl, all vice-presidents; Thomas Shea, financial secretary; George King, recording secretary; G. Ziegler, guide, and Joseph Hensle, sergeant-at-arms.

not organize its supporters and failed to conduct a real aggressive campaign, while the opposition conducted a vigorous and unprincipled, whispering and anti-Negro campaign.

Another reason given for the setback is the combination of the building and local elections, which dispersed and divided the administration supporters.

Final returns from building polls show new presidents in the Maintenance, New Steel Foundry, Machine Shop Foundry, Rolling Mill, Motor and Tire Plant buildings.

The first election results have had the effect of arousing administration supporters. There is evidence of better mobilization and more aggressive leadership. These measures indicate that the final results in the runoff will be more favorable.

Special to the Daily Worker

OAKLAND, Calif., April 29.—Somewhat overshadowed by the world security conference across the bay in San Francisco, the administrative committee of the world labor conference has been meeting here in closed session, and is reliably reported to have been made great progress, working out a constitution for the world labor organization which will be established in Paris next September.

These sessions continue the meetings held in Washington, D. C., the week before.

They are attended by Sir Walter Citrine of the British TUC; Phillip Murray and Sidney Hillman of the CIO; Michael Tarasov and Vassili Kuznetsov of the Soviet Trade unions, Benoit Frachon and Louis Salliant of the French CGT; Angel Cofino of Cuba, and Lombardo Toledano, of the Confederation of Latin American Workers. Gus Oldenbrook and Walter Schevenels of the old IFTU are also present.

In effect, this is the Dumbarton Oaks conference for world labor. And while the job of drafting a charter has its detailed technical points which do not make for especial drama, contrasted with the klieg lights on the San Francisco parley, it is nonetheless a vital stage in building a world labor body, so well begun in London last February.

### TO ISSUE STATEMENT

No official statements on this parley will be known until next Wednesday or Thursday. But it can be reliably reported that the knotty issues are being met squarely, and are being resolved in harmony. The decision to build a world labor organization is too binding, and the work too far advanced for the conference here to tolerate attempts to pull back on the part of certain delegates from getting very far.

It is understood that the preamble of the constitution is finished, and gave little trouble.

Decisions of the world labor organization will be binding on all affiliates in the sense that if they do not wish to carry them out, they will have to make public explanations to the presiding body of the WLC, as well as to their own membership.

The problem of how many votes each national affiliate should have, did not cause as much trouble as had been anticipated. It is known that trade union circles in Britain

were worried after the London conference that the 27 million strong Soviet trade union movement might overweigh other national trade union delegations.

But Tarasov and Kuznetsov are believed to have surprised their colleagues by making light of this issue. The Soviet strength in terms of voting rights and dues payments will probably be scaled down to equal the strength of the British and American trade union movements combined.

### SECRETARIATS AN ISSUE

Perhaps the knottiest issue, it is understood, is the problem of the secretariats, that is international federations of workers in similar trades. Like the International Transport Federation affiliated with the old International Federation of Trade Unions.

The IFTU delegates at the administrative committee evidently hoped to keep these so-called secretariats in being. They wished to give them special voting and representation privileges in sessions of the world labor organization. Such a set-up naturally could provide loopholes for hampering unity.

In a sense, however, this is an unreal issue. Nobody knows what these special international federations will look like after the war is over. They are now dominated by workers of neutrals like Sweden and Switzerland, but when they are revamped by the entrance of millions of new workers, they will no longer be pawns of the old IFTU leadership.

It is quite probable that these secretariats will meet as conferences of workers in special fields, like transport, and maritime without actual voting rights, simply to exchange information and express the solidarity of workers in those fields. The issue, we are reliably informed, will certainly be solved or postponed until it can be solved.

## White Collar Workers Get Expert Advice on Vital Wage Problems

White collar workers, whose economic plight has evoked buckets of tears from legislators, newspapers and commentators, are ready to act on their own behalf—once they get a glimpse of the avenues open to them.

That's the finding of Peter X. Hawley, president of United Office & Professional Workers Local 1, after observation of 10 days' operation of a unique salary information service, which offers union expert guidance on War Labor Board policies to workers and employers alike, whether they're organized or not and without charge.

The union service, designed to help raise the economic level generally among office workers, has been popularized throughout the city by the distribution of 250,000 handbills and through newspaper advertising, which says that there are ways to get a pay raise and offers help through the White Collar Center, 30 E. 29th St., to try to achieve it.

Approximately 100 inquiries a day come into the center from unorganized stenographers, bookkeepers, technical employees and white collarites of diverse occupations and from employers as well, according to Hawley.

Demands come from an extraordinarily broad cross-section of the white collar industry and show a friendly acceptance of the CIO offer of aid which is in sharp contrast to attitudes that have greeted other public campaigns in this field, he said.

To each inquirer, the union sends

a specially prepared brochure which lists 11 ways to get a raise under the existing stabilization act and briefly relates steps that may be taken to benefit by them.

What is significant about the response, Hawley added, is not only the number of employees and employers who are showing interest but the participation of community agencies and organizations that count white collar workers among their employees.

### VARIED GROUPS

Groups that wrote in for copies of material for distribution include, for example, many churches, young peoples' organizations, business schools, at least one Republican Club and similar bodies. Several bankers showed interest. One said his bank had a War Labor Board application pending and would use the service if necessity warranted. Sen. Robert F. Wagner's office wrote for material.

Some people will get raises either right away or in due time as a result. But Hawley sees greater long-range benefits to the community and to the labor movement as a result of the service, which will be continued indefinitely from here on out. Through the service, he says, many employers and many unorganized are for the first time beginning to see the non-partisan role of the union, its interest in and ability to act for the community as a whole, thus strengthening the basis for the labor-management cooperation which the union seeks to continue in the postwar.

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On the other hand, a more serious problem is the position of actual federations of national unions like the CTAL, of which Lombardo Toledano is the head. No provision has been made for such confederation as yet, and the problem raises serious issues for Lombardo.

A final question is the relation between the administrative committee here, and the San Francisco conference as such. Unfortunately, the WLC as such has no status at the UNCIO.

In fact, many of the governmental delegations have no labor representation. The CIO is at San Francisco only as one out of 42 consultant organizations. Mr. Citrine, to his evident displeasure, could not get an official position in the British delegation.

Only the Mexican, Cuban, Chilean and Soviet delegations at San Francisco have official labor members. This has, somewhat hampered the voice of world labor from making itself heard as dramatically as might have been desired. Which does not mean, of course, that what is happening across the bay does not have the support of world labor. Of course it has.

Certainly, the Paris meeting, once the charter is drafted here at Oakland, will emphasize that the world labor organization backs the world security organization. It is, in fact, a partner in making for a new and different world.

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## ANTI-FASCIST AMMUNITION

### Victories in Italy

**N**ORTH ITALY now becomes part of the triumphant forward march of Allied arms. The fall of Genoa rings out the doom of Nazism throughout the country of Garibaldi and Mazzini. The victorious advance of the American and British armies into the industrial portion of "The Boot" is the beginning of the end for the Hitlerites in all those outlying areas which they had counted on so strongly for last ditch resistance.

It must be remembered that though the Nazis have been routed from most of Germany, they still bitterly hold on to Norway, Denmark, much of Czechoslovakia as well as these factory areas of Italy. They had hoped to make use of these regions as the bases for creating division among the Allies. Their anticipations in this respect had the benefit of cooperation from desperate-minded Quislings in these territories. But this pretty Nazi scheme is now being cracked up for good in Italy.

In their military progress, the Allied armies are destroying the German armed forces. The gangster Hitlerite armies are not permitted to withdraw to any "shorter line," "inner fortress" or "national redoubt."

The Italian people are brilliantly cooperating to make this achievement possible. The American-British communique announcing the seizure of Genoa said: "Italian partisans had previously captured a large part of the city and facilitated the entry of our troops into the city." That is fine news to hear, and reflects great credit on the democratic aspirations of the Italian people even after 20 years of fascism.

20 years of fascism. They have now made a place for democratic Italy in the world's history by their speedy execution of Mussolini and the other leading fascist criminals captured in the north.

What is thus happening in Italy is different from anything that is taking place in Germany. There is a reason for this contrast, or rather, many historical reasons. Outstanding is the long rule of the Junker class in Germany, which prepared the way for the coming of Hitlerite fascism. In Italy, in contrast, the constant revolt of the people against their tyrants made it difficult for fascism to take deep root.

There has been, too, a working unity in Italy of all anti-fascist groups. Socialists, Communists and Catholics have stood shoulder to shoulder against the invader and his agent, Mussolini. This augurs well for the future unity of Italy and its democratic development.

The American people can feel obliged to help the Italian people go forward. We can help them pull their country out of the ruins of fascism and war. We can help encourage the anti-fascist forces to purge from Italian life all those who would keep reaction alive or hope to resuscitate fascism. Such is our duty.

### End a National Disgrace

**W**E WONDER what the delegates to San Francisco from the Far East, from Africa, from Latin America, from liberated Europe must think of democratic, progressive America when they read of threats of violence in the House if a permanent FEPC is approved.

It is bad enough that the situation in our nation requires an FEPC. But imagine the perplexity of our foreign guests when an American Congressman proclaims on the floor of the national legislature that the very idea of equality in the right to work is un-American.

The Congressman, of course, was John Rankin of Mississippi. The nation owes a debt of gratitude to Rep. Vito Marcantonio of New York for promptly setting the record straight by branding Rankin as subversive and un-American. That the San Francisco delegates will understand.

Rankin's cronies, however, are all too powerful and unscrupulous. Though the House Labor Committee has approved the FEPC bill, they have used their control of the Rules Committee to prevent it from getting to the House floor. Here Republican double-dealing on the issue is revealed, for GOP members of the committee have combined with the Democratic Rankinites to keep it bottled up, despite protestations from GOP leaders that they are for FEPC.

Rep. Mary Norton, Labor Committee chairman, who is leading the fight for the bill, has initiated a discharge petition to get it by the Rules Committee. With 218 signatures needed, over 70 have already signed. Get after your Congressman to sign the petition at once and to vote for FEPC.

There is a danger that, after passing the House, the bill will be stalled in the Senate by filibuster or otherwise until the end of the session. To avoid that, the Senate should be urged to begin work on it at once.



## Political Scene

### The Carrot-and-Club Itch

by Adam Lapin

#### WILLIAM CHRISTIAN

**BULLITT** is just a run-down adventurer now, a major in the French Army, commandant of Baden-Baden. What grip he holds on personalities of the French government strong enough to win even a minor post can only be imagined. But he has surely fallen from the heights of his prestige in the State Department, from the most important diplomatic assignments it was possible for his government to bestow on him.



And yet in his own way William C. Bullitt is enjoying something of a triumph. I am sure that even in Baden-Baden Bullitt has heard that his "carrot and the club" philosophy is all the rage now in the United States.

Bullitt was never shamed into silence, not even after he stayed behind in Paris to surrender it to the Nazis, not even after the story of his intrigues to break the Franco-Soviet pact, to engineer the anti-Soviet plot at Munich was told in official documents and books.

Only two years ago he made his "carrot and club" speech in Philadelphia, urging that we get tough with the Russians, that we extend with one hand the benefits of lend-lease, that we hold in the other the club of American military might. Only a few months ago Bullitt wrote in the name of the Italian people, no less, that the Soviet Union was now the principal menace to Western civilization. It was the Munich idea all over again.

And now the "carrot and the club" itch is spreading fast in the United States. It seems to have been particularly infectious in the environs of the San Francisco Opera House where the United Nations security conference is in session. Ex-President Hoover and Sen. Vandenberg are, of course, the principal carriers of the disease. But others seem to have caught it.

An Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco quotes several anonymous members of the U.S. delegation as saying that the time

has come to "get tough" with the Russians, to stop "appeasing" Stalin. Maybe this was just Sen. Vandenberg doubling for some of his colleagues. But certainly the A.P. story is not without interest.

**ARTHUR KROCK**, the New York Times pundit, entertains his readers with a reconstruction all his own of how former Secretary of State Hull negotiated with the Russians during the Moscow conference in 1943. It seems that every time the Russians would get a bit balky Hull would casually cite some statistics illustrating the industrial and military power of the United States. Krock gives us substantially the same scene in reconstructing from imagination the recent discussions between President Truman and Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov.

Krock and his friends want, of course, to be able to change the administration's established policy. But it is likely that in some official circles there has been a tendency to make at least tactical concessions to those who talk about "justice" for the small nations and mean a crack-down on the Soviet Union.

In any event, the Soviet delegates can read the papers. And the Soviet officials can figure out for themselves the extent of the "carrot and club" itch. If you want to know one real source of whatever difficulty there is at San Francisco, this is it. Certainly it is fantastic to suggest as many newspaper columnists and writers have done that the Russians really like the hard-boiled approach. This is an attempt to sell the "carrot and club" idea to the American people. It will surely not persuade the Russians.

This business has gone so far that Walter Lippmann, hardly an alarmist, has warned that there is a dangerous tendency to think in terms of policing the Soviet Union after the war rather than Germany. He says bluntly that it just isn't realistic to think to try to

police the Soviet Union. He warns that this kind of thing will end in war.

This is perhaps the first public expression of revulsion on the part of important conservative spokesmen against the "carrot and club" rage. But there will surely be more soon. As Lippmann points out, the whole business is unrealistic. It doesn't make sense in terms of the basic interests of the United States and of American big business.

**T**HERE is no point kidding anyone about the real meaning of the "carrot and club" philosophy which has been promoted so assiduously since the death of Roosevelt by those who always fought his policies. It isn't just a slight modification of the Roosevelt policy. It is a complete reversal. This get-tough-with-the-Russians policy has enormous implications.

It means necessarily going easy on the Germans—since surely if we want to restrain the Russians there is no better way than by permitting the revival of a powerful Germany. It means unvarnished American imperialism. We will try to get tough with the Russians today. We will start on the British tomorrow.

It means economic rivalries and armaments races. It means another world war and pretty soon too. And, as the original Munichers discovered, your own country gets hurt worst of all when you start this kind of explosive monkey business, when you try to erect anti-Soviet bulwarks.

This whole policy is so suicidal for American national interests that it is almost certain to be rejected. It is all very well to talk about jumping off Brooklyn Bridge. But when you get right down to it, most people are not likely to make the actual attempt. In the meantime, it is a good idea to understand the real meaning of the "Carrot and Club" epidemic.

### Worth Repeating

A REVIEWER in the conservative Hartford Courant finds Dr. Harry F. Ward's "The Soviet Spirit" (International), an antidote to W. L. White's "Report on the Russians," writing: Unfortunately, White had discarded the journalist's most important attribute, objectivity. . . . Temperately and sympathetically written, "The Soviet Spirit" tries to make us understand what the Russians feel about themselves. . . . Whereas White is afraid, Prof. Ward is tolerant.



# San Francisco and the Colonial Peoples

One of a series of four articles. The second article deals with why the League of Nations failed in relation to small nations and colonies.

by James W. Ford

THERE is unanimity of opinion that colonies, semi-colonies and small nations shall have full equality and justice in the new world security organization to be set up at San Francisco. This demand is strong and popular among the Negro people. And without it there can be no lasting peace after the war. Moreover, there should be assurance that these areas of exploitation and oppression will have freedom and independence—the right of self determination. In their relations with the big powers, these less and undeveloped areas of the world should have ironclad guarantees of equitable and widespread economic development. This latter point is key to any realistic approach to the problems of colonies in the new world security system.

It would be a waste of a lot of energy and



valuable time if economic relationships are not made the starting point of any discussion of colonies. The form to be given the world organization in political and economic relations was laid down in essential outlines at Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods. But on this point there is much confusion or absence of discussion. The confusion arises because discussion of the future of colonies seems to center almost exclusively around their representation or juridical equality at the moment of the founding of the world security system at San Francisco.

WE HEAR more talk about "democratic equality" for colonies than we do about Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods and the relation of the decisions of these two conferences to the stable founding of a world organization of freedom loving nations and peoples. "Are not the big five forming a dictatorship over small nations and colonies?" This is a question often raised about Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods. "Is this not a new imperialistic system being set up at

San Francisco?" In the judgment of many, Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods lead to the "alliance of powers" and "zones of influence." If we look at the question in this formalistic manner, we may in our thinking be led to exactly where we do not want. That is, alliance of powers, zones of influence; or even we may contribute confusion that stymies the building of an effective world organization. The truth of the matter is that danger lingers behind a lack of serious consideration of the profound importance of Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods in the effective building of a world organization for the co-existence of big and small nations and colonies in the postwar world.

EXPERIENCES of the old League of Nations organization show that far from democratic triumph, the principle of juridical equality, when taken in the abstract—out of relation to what is indispensable to world unity and peace—could lead directly to enslavement of colonies and even to a third World War.

Why the League of Nations failed in relation to small nations and colonies will be the subject of the next article.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

A Soldier's Sorrow

For President Roosevelt

Albany, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Perhaps your readers will be interested in a letter which I received from my brother, a sergeant, stationed somewhere in England.

"Tonight we are going to services for President Roosevelt. Now that he has gone, we can see that he was the greatest American of his time. We should feel very lucky to have lived in his time. All of us are in a sense, Roosevelt's children because he led so many battles for freedom and taught the people to raise up their heads and unite for a new and better world. Everyone who is concerned for the future and for a better life for all must have a big place in his heart for F. D. R. Only the selfish, the greedy and the Fascists could hate him."

The Greatness That Was FDR

Chicago.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The greatness that was our President, is best exemplified by his arduous campaigns in the carrying out of his many tasks in office and of the acclaim he has merited by doing so much good for the common people by enforcing programs to correct and better our living conditions as a freedom loving country and for which ironically, he was at one time greatly ridiculed for. So it is with the people—we are in the habit of scolding at the good that could be done by effecting decisive changes that would enable us to live more freely and decently and which has often time been branded as radical and un-American.

No true American citizen could condemn any program that is best meant in the people's behalf itself. It is only that many of us refuse to get out of a rut and realize that it takes the vision of an ennobled leader to challenge us to a worthwhile life or one that falls behind and stops ticking the time for progress and the pursuit to happiness.

Bishops' Help

To Fascism Disturbing

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The criticism of the Catholic Bishops' statement in the article by Louis Biden in your paper was to the point. As a Catholic I feel that the attitude of the Pope and some Bishops on Mexico, Franco Spain and other like countries is disturbing. It does us Catholics no good to seem to be tied up with the most feudalistic and ignorant elements, crude and cruel.

Now the Bishops surely know about Poland; they know the misrule of that country by the colonels and the landlords, the whips for the peasants and the ignorance which was fostered. They can now see democratic rights being established, through the division of the land and spread of education. We Catholics can't be committed by them to an undemocratic policy.

ANNA DIMENZ.

(Though my married name's German, I'm of Irish decent.)

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

## Toward Freedom

THERE can be no doubt about it, racial discrimination in the armed forces is on the way out. Traditional Jimcrow practices are continually facing a crisis—and such practices are sure to grow less and less tenable.

Very substantial progressive change is definitely under way, and if we back up and strengthen the trends already evident—if we fight hard and correctly—the ultimate destruction of military discrimination, as of all other forms of Jimcrowism, is entirely possible in the near future.

Recall, for example, that we began this war with a "white man's Navy," only the menial tasks of the messman being open to Negroes. (When the heroic Dorie Miller was fighting our Japanese enemies at Pearl Harbor, he was technically "out of his place.") But now Negro men have been admitted as fighting seamen into all branches of the Navy, and Negro women into the WAVES and Nurse Corps—and they are being trained and commissioned as officers.

Recall that this war has seen the unprecedented entrance of Negroes into all branches of the Army—even including the Air Corps—and that right now, for the first time in history, white and Negro soldiers are advancing against our common fascist foe in mixed units together on the western front.

MORE than this, the military high command is showing a clear disposition to correct



by Doxey A. Wilkerson

flagrant cases of racial discrimination which are brought to its attention. There was the order banning racial discrimination on Army post exchanges, issued about a year ago without public announcement, and then backed up last fall when southern reactionaries learned about it and demanded its withdrawal. Just recently, there were the restoration of "honor" and veteran rights to a group of Negro seabees who had been dishonorably discharged; the removal of a prejudiced commander of another group of seabees, and the voiding of all proceedings against the four Ft. Devens WACs and their restoration to active duty.

This latter case is particularly significant. These young ladies, goaded to rebellion by their prejudiced commander, had clearly violated the Articles of War. Yet, because of the circumstances surrounding their offense, the War Department not only removed their prison sentences (as most protesting groups asked), but it also voided the whole proceedings, restored the young ladies to active duty and removed their prejudiced commander.

IT SHOULD be clear that we are dealing now with a military high command which has learned a lot since the prewar days of apparently static Jimcrowism and other forms of discrimination in the armed forces. The necessities of victory and the whole democratic upsurge in the country have forced our military leaders to reconsider and revise many tradi-

## The Time Is Here for Equality in the Armed Forces

tional practices in the handling of Negroes.

This process is far from complete; indeed, it is just getting under way—and it must be extended until the armed forces give full expression to the growing trend toward Negro democratic rights which proceeds apace in civilian life.

Two immediate cases where an immediate revision of policy is imperative are that of the more than 100 Negro officers of the 477th Bombardment Group (Freeman Field, Seymour, Indiana) who were arrested for refusal to sign an agreement to stay out of the "white officers club," and that of the Negro WACs subjected to serious discrimination at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. The Freeman Field problem remains even though all but three of the 104 Negro officers were acquitted and released.

Many more cases will come to light; that is inevitable in this wartime process of change in military policy regarding the Negro. And they, like these, will call for vigorous struggle by the democratic forces of our country to make sure that progressive solutions are won.

But such struggles will be tactically unwise, and therefore ineffective, if they proceed through over-all condemnation of the military leaders of our country. Those leaders have given clear evidence of changing in the direction we want to go.

What we need now is overwhelming mass endorsement of the progressive steps already taken by our military high command, coupled with confident insistence that the progressive trend now under way be extended to the many areas which have not yet been affected. Along this path lie maximum results in our struggle for military equality.

## Buchenwald and the Cleansing of Germany

by Hans Berger

JUSTICE demands that we do not forget that Buchenwald and the other German horror camps were originally built for German anti-Nazis. Since the time when the big German industrialists brought Hitler to power, 100,000 German anti-Nazis of all political and religious shades have been tortured, starved and killed in such camps.

This was one part of the preparation of the German imperialists for the war. At the outbreak of the war and especially after Hitler attacked the Soviet Union, new masses of Germans that had proven dangerous in the past or were considered as potentially dangerous were rounded up by the Gestapo and thrown into these camps. In 1943-1944 as the doom of defeat was approaching Hitler Germany, the Nazi dictatorship accelerated the slaughtering of oppositional Germans.

In the camps that have fallen now into American hands one finds relatively few German political prisoners. They have been killed or taken away in order to be killed later. The Nazis wanted under all circumstances to prevent German anti-fascists from falling into the hands of the Allies. The Nazis don't mind if we meet up with von Papen, Alfred Krupp and all the other big industrialists and Junkers that brought them into power. But they want as thoroughly as they can to destroy every German who could be a leader or a faithful worker in a new German democratic movement, cooperating with the Allies.

IT IS rightfully demanded that those responsible for the killing of the German

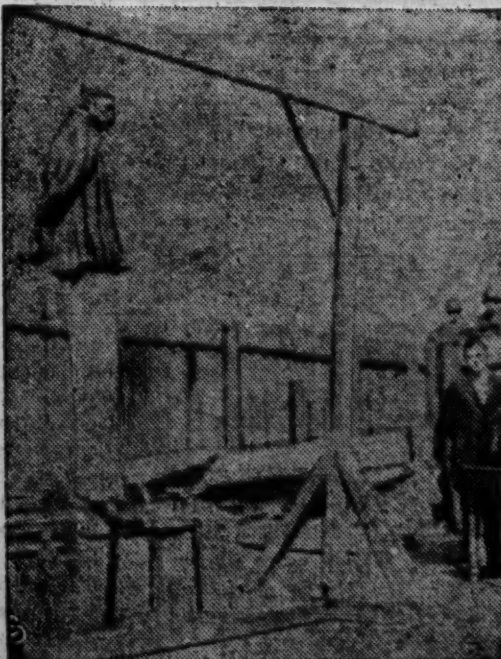
Jews be considered as war criminals. It would be indeed a crime against humanity if the killers of the German Jews would be left without punishment, just because these Jews have been Germans. In the same way the killers and torturers of the non-Jewish German anti-fascists must be tried as war criminals, either by the Allies and by democratic Germans under the control of the Allies.

The German anti-Nazis in the years between 1933 and 1939 denounced the crimes of the Nazis against 10,000 Socialists, Communists, trade unionists, liberals, Catholics. The bigger part of the world did not listen then. Nor did it draw the right conclusions against Nazi Germany. But now the time has come where all justice-loving people must demand that Germany be cleansed also of those people who have destroyed 100,000 anti-fascist peace-loving Germans.

IT WAS an excellent idea to show the Germans the camp of Buchenwald, although one feels sorry that von Papen, Alfred Krupp and Prince August had not been brought there in order to help bury those who had been killed. It wouldn't been bad either if Bishop von Galen were brought to this camp. Maybe he would stop to protest against Russian slave workers and start to say a word against the organizers of such horror camps.

In every German town or village, a delegation of Germans should be forced to see Buchenwald and to report in village and town

meetings. For the beginning of reeducation requires the recognition of the crimes committed. This reeducation should be enlarged by showing the Germans what the Nazis did against those Germans who wanted to prevent this war and the destruction of Germany, thanks to the policy of the Hitler regime. And it would be perhaps not a bad idea to show the Germans the pictures: the Rainbow, the Seventh Cross and the Kharkov trial.



One of the last victims at Buchenwald.





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# Why 'Worker,' 'Daily Worker' Are Indispensable

By EARL BROWDER

Following is the full text of  
an address delivered yesterday  
at the Daily Worker press conference:

It is a great encouragement to those of us who are directly responsible for The Worker and the Daily Worker to see such a broad and enthusiastic response to this Conference in support of our papers. This proves to us that we are succeeding more and more in our aim to serve effectively the broadest progressive and democratic forces in American public life. It is a fact that our papers play an indispensable role in the life of the nation as a whole, and especially in the labor movement which is the democratic backbone of the nation.

This fact is being demonstrated with special clarity in relation to the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations. In this Conference it is the supreme national interest of America to cement solidly our ties with our Allies, and first of all with Britain and the Soviet Union as the nucleus around which alone there is any prospect for the establishment of a stable world family of nations.

Unfortunately, the dominant commercial press, including not only the defeatist and appeasement sector of Hearst, McCormick, Patterson & Co. but also most of the papers which have supported the war effort, are playing fast and loose with this supreme national interest in an irresponsible manner that is most disquieting.

In the past weeks these newspapers of all political shades have allowed themselves to be swept into a riot of anti-Soviet incitement in the very moment of glorious victory for the Anglo-Soviet-American coalition; they have not hesitated to present to the American people a picture of the San Francisco Conference and its issues which is basically false, which is a gross caricature of reality, which is highly damaging to America, which is a slanderous misrepresentation of the position of our own Government.

If we believe this newspaper caricature of San Francisco, for example, we would think that our American delegation had a fixed scheme for the organization of the Conference, arrived at without consultation with the Soviet Union, and felt insulted and aggrieved to find that the Soviet delegation had a different conception of the question. Behind the anti-Soviet surface of this caricature is a more serious libel against our own Government. It accuses Mr. Stettinius and his colleagues of an irresponsible attitude toward our Soviet allies, of assuming an arrogant attitude which would make impossible any agreement on the larger and more difficult political problems. There is no doubt that this picture is false. We can be absolutely certain that the American delegation never had any other thought than that of full consultation with all the joint sponsors of the Conference as well as generally with the other nations, and that the outcome of those discussions, when they were held, was no disappointment to the American Government but, on the contrary, that it was exactly what all men of good will expected and wished, a practical accommodation of all the various viewpoints brought forward.

Who gained anything from all the wild newspaper and radio speculations about big battles, about "victories" and "defeats" for one or another of the great powers, on these simple and ordinary questions of Conference organization and procedure? Obviously, only those who aim at disrupting the Coalition, only those who wish to prevent the adoption of the Dum-

barton Oaks plan, only those who would wreck the plans and policies of Roosevelt. It is a slander of the American delegation and the American Government to say or hint that its representatives desired anything of the kind.

This morning our most respectable and responsible New York newspapers allowed themselves to further slander our Government, by telling their readers that the decision to seat the Ukrainian and White Russian Republics delegations, in addition to the Soviet Union delegation for the other 14 Soviet Republics, would not be implemented until the Soviet Union had agreed, as a *quid pro quo*, to the seating of a delegation from the fascist Argentine Government. What irresponsible slander against America is this, which would brazenly accuse our Government of accepting responsibility for the Farrel-Perron fascist regime, which collaborated with Hitler up to his last hours, in a way comparable with the Soviet Union's sponsorship of Ukrainian and White Russian Republics, which played a central and glorious role in the destruction of Hitlerism! What a contemptible fouling of America's own nest, to accuse our Government of bad faith in the decision to seat Ukraine and White Russia! What stupidity to picture Mr. Stettinius as a naive and not-too-bright practitioner of the cult of power politics in its most vulgar meaning! These are slanders which are only superficially directed against our Soviet Allies; they are much more deeply and seriously accusations and slanders against America. And they are false in all their connotations. America is not playing such a dishonorable role as the newspapers would picture to us in their caricatures of San Francisco.

There is a deep lesson to be drawn from this examination of how American newspapers, in dealing with the first procedural problems of San Francisco, go off on a tangent damaging to America's highest national interest.

That lesson is that it is impossible to be loyal to our own country unless we are at the same time fully loyal to our Allies.

Every attempt to sow suspicion and hatred against the Soviet Union and Britain among Americans today is the greatest damage that can be done against American national interest. It is on the borderline of treason. It is appalling to see how much of the American newspaper press is fully open every day to arguments and expositions which come to the borderline of treason and even beyond.

The Worker and the Daily Worker have been able, at every stage of the development of the present war, and in anticipating the postwar problems, to hew to the line of American national interest with great precision, because it is produced by men who have been trained in the fundamental thought of the mutuality of interest among nations and peoples. That is to say, they have been trained in Marxism.

Our papers are frankly guided by Marxist thought.

It is my hope and belief that we have graduated from the kindergarten of Marxism in which it appears as dogma, as doctrine in a sectarian sense. Marxism is, for us, not an esoteric mystery, not a collection of obscure formulae, which require several regrees of Doctor of Philosophy properly to understand.

It is understanding, it is intellectual illumination, it is a means of mastering the everyday world of reality, and anything that is otherwise is not Marxism. It is something more than simple common sense, but it always includes common sense, and finds its practical confirmation in the everyday understanding of the common man. Today more than ever before in

history Marxism is the highest and most universal expression of human intelligence and understanding. Its conclusions are as readily understandable for the common worker and ordinary citizen as for the most highly cultured intellectual—and often more so. That is because it takes life and reality as its starting point and foundation; it is not an invention, it is not an intellectual scheme; it is the revealing to the intelligence of how life works itself out in the real world of which the intelligence is a part and an expression.

If the Worker and the Daily Worker are succeeding, as I think they are, in explaining our country and the world, with all their multitudinous problems to a widening circle of readers; to unveil the great and simple truth of the reality that underlies the chaos and confusion of events; to throw light and understanding where otherwise there is darkness and mystery—then to that extent our papers are living up to our Marxist aspirations.

Our tremendously powerful commercial newspapers in America have no such guide. Even in the best of examples they are searching for headlines, for scoops, for news sensations; they are open channels for all the devilishly clever propaganda of the forces of darkness and reaction, and they have no standards by which to protect their readers against the falsehoods that are thus spread abroad. In the worst of examples, like the Hearst press and the McCormick-Patterson Axis, they are as much the direct organs of fascism as though they were published directly by Hitler and Goebbels. Our much-vaunted freedom of the press has not yet found a way to produce newspapers which are free from the influence of Hitlerism, on any large scale.

This has been one of America's most burning problems in the conduct of the war. As victory approaches and we begin to tackle the problems of postwar, this problem will not disappear but will become more acute. For with the death of Hitler, the spirit of Hitlerism will demand—and unfortunately will probably receive—a greater tolerance and freedom to do its damaging work within America.

The approach of the period of postwar reconstruction of America and of the world, therefore, puts only a greater emphasis upon the necessity for The Worker and the Daily Worker, and for extending and strengthening this kind of newspaper in our country. For the problems of peace will be even more complicated than those of war, while the pressure of necessity for a correct answer to these problems will seem to many as not so immediate. We will face the gravest dangers of disunity, internationally among the Allies of the Great Coalition, and domestically in the relations between classes and groups within our own nation.

The Worker and the Daily Worker will be fighting for the full realization of victory in the war against fascism, for the elimination of all remnants of fascism from

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# Why 'Worker,' 'Daily Worker' Are Indispensable

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the face of the earth.

We will be fighting for a stable peace, for the extension of the Coalition into the peacetime world, as a necessary part of victory, without which victory will lose its character and become something else. We will be fighting for the establishment of a world order of nations around the nucleus of the Coalition.

We will be fighting for an America which will know how to make full utilization of its tremendous productive resources in peace as it has shown in war.

We will be fighting for continuation and strengthening of national unity into the peace, for without

this there will be no lasting peace.

To the extent that there are other newspapers that fight for these same things, and do it effectively without cancelling out their contributions by waverings, hesitations, and aberrations, to that extent we call for support of those other papers also, and our papers are happy to welcome such competition. We do not want to stand alone, and our happiest day will be when the great newspapers of America also begin to help achieve some of these things.

Today, however, it is our duty to point out that The Worker and the Daily Worker are indispensable, because they are among the very papers which keep the beacon light burning steadily and brightly at all times, pointing the way of progress,

of peace and prosperity.

The truth is a powerful light. It is all the more conspicuously powerful when it shines through the darkness that is our country's newspaperdom today. That is why, though The Worker and the Daily Worker have but a little fraction of the circulation of their competitors, they play a tremendous historical role to which even our enemies are forced to pay tribute. That is why the friends of The Worker and the Daily Worker are organizing more than ever to expand the circle of their light, to feed the fuel of their fires to shine more brightly.

In the name of our papers and all associated in their production, I wish to thank all those who have taken part in this most valuable Conference.

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restaurant workers for approximately a half hour daily they spend preparing to go on the job, is also included it was learned. Other provisions include a severance pay clause and a straight 8-hour day stipulation which fixes overtime for work over eight hours in any one day as against the former practice which provided overtime only after 40 hours in any one week.

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## LOWDOWN

Hagg's Sad Farewell;  
The Giants Flag-Bee

By Nat Low

Gunder Hagg's farewell to the United States—at least for this trip—was a sad fourth place finish in the handicap mile race at the Penn Relays Saturday, despite the best time he has done all season, 4:12.7.

The gaunt Galve fireman is thus experiencing a new thing is his highly spectacular track life—bitter and constant defeat; and, frankly, it really shouldn't dim his fame any. The man had to work under impossible circumstances and if anything, this whole thing proves that the man who runs things in the track world are as avaricious as any pot-bellied bankers.

The track bigwigs forced Hagg to engage in his first mile race at the Garden only 72 hours after arriving here from a 23 day ocean-tossed trip in a stinking little freighter. He was beaten badly, as you remember, and never could quite hit peak form.

The surprising thing about the whole business is the remarkable calm Gunder has shown through all his tribulations. The man who had not won the love of the fans in his first trip here two years ago suddenly lost his severe aloofness and became even genial.

And whatever some so-called experts may think, Hagg still is the top miler ever to run in America and will probably prove it if he decides to come back here again.

The familiar springtime pennant-bee has been buzzing in a lot of Giant bonnets this past week and even rational baseball men are beginning to give the Giants a chance for the flag.

Now anything is possible in baseball. (Didn't the Browns win the pennants last year?) And a fighting ball club with good pitching and some timely hitting can do it in a year like this.

But I wouldn't be betting on it—unless the Cardinals lose a few more key men and Mort Cooper continues to his wage war with Sam Breadon. After all, the Giants have not been facing the best opposition in the league. And some of the men who are hitting now may not be hitting later. We mean Steve Filipowicz, Ernie Lombardi, Phil Weintraub and a number of others—although it seems Mel Ott just keeps going on and on.

"Flip" can't hit a curve ball, Lombardi is so slow they play a "double" outfield on him and chop down what ordinarily would be one and two base hits, and Weintraub's brittle bones invariably hobble him late in the season.

Where the Giants really seem to be improved considerably is in the pitching department. Voiselle is Voiselle and that means he's one of the top five pitchers in the league; Harry Feldman seems to have overcome his illness and is ready for a banner season; Van Lingle Mungo has been pitching hard-luck ball and, with luck, may win as many as twelve games; and young Swede Hanse is starting to blossom as a star. So here Ottie has a potential flag winning staff—but it will have to stay together all season and that means right up to the end of September.

The greatest Giant asset is Ott himself and the esprit de corps he is capable of stirring up among his men. The Giants want to play ball for popular little Mel and that's something they never wanted to do for Billious Terry.

### The Adventures of Richard

New Addition to the Gang

By Mike Singer

Meet Lou Tsin, 11 year-old Chinese-American, about five foot two inches, wiry, handsome, a brilliant talker and a newcomer to the crowd. He was introduced to the kids by Alby, the Negro lad, who met Tsin the other day when he went to the restaurant owned by Tsin's father.

No-Nose was suspicious at first. "You talk too good English for somebody what's Chinese," he said.

"But I'm an American," Tsin replied in flawless English. "I was born here. My parents were born here too. My ancestors naturally lived in China like yours must have lived in Europe."

"Howdy like that, he knows even where my grandfather was born," No-Nose exclaimed.

"Can we get free shampoo at your restaurant?" Flekel asked.

"You must mean chop suey or chow mein," Lou answered, "and I don't think you can."

The kids were stumped. Lou had a straightforward way of speaking

that clipped their wings. And he said it with a smile.

"Can you play games?" Menash asked.

"Suppose you invite me to play with you" Lou proposed "and judge for yourself."

No-Nose scratched his head. "You an Alby friends?" he asked.

"I hope we all are, I'd like to be," Lou retorted.

"Ok, ok," No-Nose blurted out, "we're pals, only let's cut out this talk, it gives me the heebie-jeebies."

Later that afternoon the kids played stick-ball and between

Alby's spectacular fielding and Lou's powerful hitting, the kids trimmed the team from the next block, 12-4.

"You sure hit a mean sock," Fritzik complimented Lou.

"Thank you, I had a pretty good day."

Richard tried to show his geographical lore. "One of them wallops musta landed in the Yangoo River," he said.

"You're probably thinking of the Yangtze," Lou corrected, "that's the biggest river on China."

"I think it's the fourth or fifth river in the world," Jimmy added, "about 3,100 miles long."

"Holy smokes, now I got two whiz brains around here. I'm surrounded," Richard groaned.

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WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman  
WABC-Amanda-Sketch  
WMCA-News; Music Box  
WQXR-Alma Dettinger, News  
11:15-WOR-Jimmy Fidler-Talk  
WABC-Second Husband  
11:30-WEAF-Soldier Who Came Home  
WOR-Take It Easy Time  
WJZ-News; Music  
WABC-Bright Horizon  
WMCA-News; Talk-Linda Gray  
WQXR-Concert Music  
11:45-WEAF-David Haruh  
WOR-What's Your Idea?  
WABC-Aunt Jenny's Stories  
11:55-WOR-Lanny and Ginger, Songs

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF-Don Goddard, News  
WOR-News; Music  
WJZ-Glamor Manor  
WABC-News; Kate Smith's Chat  
12:15-WEAF-Talk-Maggi McNellis  
WABC-Big Sister  
12:30-WEAF-News From the Pacific  
WOR-News; Answer Man  
WJZ-News; Women's Exchange  
WABC-Helen Trent  
12:45-WEAF-Studio Music  
WABC-Our Gal Sunday  
1:00-WEAF-Mary Margaret McBride  
WOR-Jack Bundy's Album  
WJZ-H. R. Baukhage  
WABC-Life Can Be Beautiful  
1:15-WOR-Tello Test-Quiz  
WJZ-Rose Rio, Organ  
WABC-Ma Perkins  
1:30-WOR-Lopez Orchestra  
WJZ-Galen Drake  
WABC-Bernardine Flynn  
WMCA-News; Piano Music  
1:45-WEAF-Morgan Beatty, News  
WOR-John J. Anthony  
WABC-Young Dr. Malone

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF-The Guiding Light  
WOR-Cedric Foster, News  
WJZ-John B. Kennedy  
WABC-Two on a Clue  
2:15-WEAF-Today's Children  
WOR-Jane Cowell-Talk  
WJZ-Ethel and Albert-Sketch  
WABC-Rosemary-Sketch  
2:30-WEAF-Woman in White  
WOR-Queen for Today  
WJZ-Variety Musicale  
WABC-Perry Mason  
WQXR-Request Music  
2:45-WEAF-Hymns of All Churches  
WJZ-Correspondents Abroad  
WABC-Tena and Tim  
3:00-WEAF-A Woman of America  
WOR-Martha Deane Program  
WJZ-Appointment With Life  
WABC-Time to Remember  
3:15-WEAF-Ma Perkins-Sketch  
WABC-Off the Record  
WMCA-Talk-Ethel Colby  
3:30-WEAF-Pepper Young  
WOR-John Gambling  
WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated  
WMCA-News; Music  
3:45-WEAF-Right to Happiness  
WABC-Land Trio, Songs  
4:00-WEAF-Backstage Wife  
WOR-News; Jay Johnson, Songs  
WJZ-Westbrook Van Voorhis, News  
WABC-House Party  
4:15-WEAF-Stella Dallas

## Loss of Walker Cooper May End Card Reign

By United Press

Walker Cooper, the raw-boned Missourian ranked as the greatest catcher in the majors today, goes into the Army today and many baseball men believe it may bring the high-flying St. Louis Cardinals back to the rest of the National League field.

There are many reasons why this may be so. Three important ones are his power at the plate, his handling of pitchers and the lack of an outstanding replacement.

The Cards lost a lot of their batting punch when Stan Musial and Danny Litwhiler were tapped on the shoulder by Uncle Sam. Musial clubbed the ball at a .347 clip last season and Litwhiler, while hitting .264, was a tough man for rival hurlers when the chips were down. Walker is a third strike, for he hit .317 last season as the Cards romped to their third consecutive pennant and second world title over that stretch.

He has been particularly adept in handling the hurlers, especially brother Mort, the fireball ace of the Card mound corps. Mort was just doing average when Walker took over as regular catcher. And in those three years, Mort bloomed suddenly into a pitcher who led the league with 22 and 21 wins in the respective seasons of 1942 and 1943 and added another 22 last season. Looking past the batter at the

confident brother behind the mask had much to do with Big Mort's added success.

It was the same way with the other pitchers. The sight of that big target coaxing them along imparted much of the confidence and resultant success of the ever-blooming Cardinal rookies.

Chief Cardinal hope to replace Walker is Ken O'Dea, the 32-year-old traveler who is serving his 15th year in organized ball and has been strictly a relief catcher since he broke in with the Chicago Cubs in 1935. O'Dea then journeyed to the Giants and finally to the Cards in 1942 but never has appeared in more than 86 games a season during his 10-year tenure in the majors.

The Cards may not lose without Walker Cooper. But there is no arguing with the fact that his loss will make it a lot tougher for the Cards to win.

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WOR-Food and Home Forum  
WJZ-Report From Overseas  
WABC-Feature Story  
4:45-WEAF-Young Wilder Brown  
WJZ-Hop Harrigan  
WABC-Danny O'Neil, Songs  
5:00-WEAF-When a Girl Marries  
WOR-Uncle Don  
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates  
WABC-WAVES on Parade  
5:15-WEAF-Portia Faces Life  
WOR-Superman  
WJZ-Dick Tracy  
WQXR-Fun With Music  
5:30-WEAF-Just Plain Bill  
WOR-House of Mystery  
WJZ-Jack Armstrong-Sketch  
WABC-Cimarron Tavern-Sketch  
WMCA-News; Jerry Baker, Songs  
WQXR-Today's Romantics  
5:45-WEAF-Front-Page Farrell  
WOR-Tom Mix  
WJZ-Captain Midnight  
WABC-Wilderness Road

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF-News Reports  
WOR-Paul Schubert  
WJZ-Kierman's News Ckner  
WABC-Harry Marble, News  
6:15-WEAF-Concert Music  
WOR-Morand Orchestra  
WJZ-What Are the Facts?  
WABC-James Carroll, Tenor  
6:30-WOR-Fred Vandeventer, News  
WJZ-News; Whose War? Talk  
WABC-Sally Moore, Songs  
WMCA-New Yorkers at War  
6:40-WEAF-Sports-Bill Stern  
6:45-WEAF-Lowell Thomas  
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax  
WJZ-Peggy Mann, Songs  
WABC-The World Today, News  
WMCA-Recorded Music  
6:55-WABC-Bob Trout, News  
7:00-WEAF-Supper Club, Variety  
WJZ-Headline Edition  
WABC-Jack Kirkwood Show  
WMCA-News; Music  
WQXR-Lisa Sergio, News  
7:15-WEAF-News of the World  
WOR-The Answer Man  
WJZ-Raymond Gram Swing  
WABC-Hollywood-Hedda Nopper  
WMCA-Five-Star Final  
WQXR-Operetta Scrapbook  
7:30-WEAF-Both Orchestra, Chorus  
WOR-Bulldog Drummond  
WJZ-Lone Ranger  
WABC-Bob Hawk Quiz Show  
WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh  
WQXR-Treasure of Music  
7:45-WEAF-H. V. Kaltenborn  
WMCA-Ted Martin, Songs  
WHN-Johannes Steel, News  
8:00-WEAF-Cavalcade of America  
WOR-Cecil Brown, News  
WJZ-Prom Overseas-Ted Malone  
WABC-Vox Pop Interviews  
8:15-WOR-Curt Massey, Songs  
WJZ-Lum and Abner  
8:30-WEAF-Gladys Swarthout, Soprano  
WOR-Sherlock Holmes  
WJZ-Blind Date  
WABC-Burns and Allen, Comedy  
8:55-WEAF-Bill Henry, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF-Ezio Pinza, Bass  
WOR-Gabriel Heatter  
WJZ-Bretton Woods Program  
WABC-Radio Theater  
WQXR-Worldwide News  
9:15-WOR-San Francisco Conference  
WQXR-Manzello, Violin  
9:30-WEAF-Information Please  
WQXR-The Better Half-Quiz  
WJZ-Spotlight Band  
WMCA-Air Evacuation Hospital  
WQXR-Music Festival  
9:55-WJZ-Short Story  
10:00-WEAF-Josephine Antoine, Soprano  
WOR-Dr. A. L. Sachar  
WJZ-Lombardo Orchestra  
WABC-Screen Guild Play  
WMCA-News; Amateur Show  
10:15-WOR-Talk-Col. William Kelly  
10:30-WEAF-Dr. I. Q.-Quiz  
WOR-The Symphonette  
WJZ-To Be Announced  
WABC-Cameron Andrews Show  
WQXR-War Bond Concert  
11:00-WEAF-WOR-News; Music  
WJZ-WABC-News; Music  
11:05-WJZ-William S. Gailmor  
11:30-WEAF-Author's Playhouse  
WJZ-Saludos Amigos, Variety  
12:00-WEAF-WJZ-News; Music  
WABC, WMCA-News; Music  
WQXR-News (To 12:05)

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— Comment by Samuel Sillen —

# Chodorov's Anti-Fascist Play 'Common Ground'

Edward Chodorov feels strongly enough about fascism to fight it on the stage as well as in real life. While the theater, with unfortunately rare exceptions, continues to avoid the life-and-death issues of our time, this playwright earnestly insists on dealing with them. He not only has convictions but the courage to assert them, and his new play *Common Ground*, like last year's *Decision*, is an admirably sincere statement of democratic belief.

But *Common Ground* is a faulty play that fails to achieve a dramatic strength implicit in its theme. It is diffuse, wordy, and lacking in tension. The gap between intention and dramatic effectiveness is wider than in *Decision*.

The play concerns a group of USO-Camp Show performers who have been captured by the Nazis in Italy. This group, reflecting the varied composition of the American people, includes a Jewish comedian, an Italian-born guitarist and his blues-singing wife of Irish descent, an ex-Marine of the Mindanao campaign who is of German stock and his girl friend who comes, simply, from St. Louis.

What is the common ground on which these people stand? That is the question Mr. Chodorov raises and seeks to answer in the bomb-torn Italian castle where the American entertainers are imprisoned.

The question is sharply put by an American journalist who is carrying on propaganda broadcasts for the Nazis. This detestable slobbering traitor thinks the only mistake Hitler made was to start in Germany instead of in America. He taunts the captives—and challenges the audience—with the prediction that after the war America will be split wide open by racial and national group warfare. And he quotes a raft of American-fascist papers to prove it.

The Nazi commanding officer offers the "garbage can Americans" the alternative of facing a firing squad or impressment in the service of Germany. And as the choice is debated, a conflict of attitudes appears in the group. Each character searches his background and his values. There is wavering, and finally there is the decision to die rather than serve the Nazis. The members of the group have rediscovered their common ground as Americans.

This is an excellent theme, and the situation is inherently dramatic. Mr. Chodorov very properly calls attention to the fascist technique of provoking group distrust and division. His affirmative conclusion is in keeping with the experience of the war. He has altogether commendably laced it into the Nazi colonel and the American Lord Haw-Haw.

But it is one thing to have some of the right ingredients; it is another to combine them into persuasive and moving drama. The serious purpose of the play makes all the more regrettable the awkwardly loose treatment.

For one thing, Mr. Chodorov, both as playwright and director, does not succeed in getting his characters to act convincingly in changing relationships to one another. Yet this is the crux of the situation—the process by which the Americans, after becoming conscious of latent hostilities among themselves, arrive at their common ground. This process here is tortuous and confused. In a series of long set speeches tied together by thin dialogue devices, each of the characters gets his turn, with the others as attentive audience. They change verbally, not dramatically, and the stage, as a consequence, lacks movement.

The repetitious gags about Darryl Zanuck are not commensurate as



Left to right: Mary Healy, Philip Loeb and Nancy Noland who appear in Edward Chodorov's new play *Common Ground* which Edward Cheate is now presenting at the Fulton Theatre.

**COMMON GROUND:** A new play by Edward Chodorov, presented by Edward Cheate at the Fulton, with Luther Adler, Paul McGrath, Philip Loeb, Joseph Vitale, Mary Healy, Donald Murphy, Nancy Noland and Peter von Zerneck; staged by the author; setting by George Jenkins.

symptoms of a suppressed hysteria, but simply as gags. This absence of tension creates a disturbing sense of unreality. This is simply not the picture of a supreme and tragic crisis. I found myself in the, I must say, uncomfortable position of not caring very deeply about the fate of people with whom I should, in theory, have been completely identified.

Yet the actors, in their moments of profound isolation, do a fine job. Luther Adler, for instance, carries off a tour de force as an Italian Captain who is a pompously grandiloquent stooge for the Nazis; his long speech in Italian has virtuosity even if little dramatic relevance. Philip Loeb is very good as the Jewish comedian, whether he is mulling things over in shocked silence or strenuously cheering up the others with amiable trivialities. He is effective in a speech recalling his past and explaining his new Jewish consciousness, which rather misleadingly, I think, is treated as something so special that it is untranslatable to non-Jews. As the traitor-journalist, Paul McGrath is a sinister psychopath. Donald Murphy plays the Pacific veteran with force, Peter Von Zerneck is a hateful Nazi. Nancy Noland does an interesting scene at the piano, when the entertainers are made to perform by the colonel, and Mary Healy plays the girl from St. Louis who is tempted to submit rather than die.

The one set by George Jenkins is among the most imaginative I have seen this season, conveying the Nazi-faded splendor of the once aristocratically proud Italian castle.

Mr. Chodorov has written down something of his hatred of fascism,

something of his fear that it may happen here if group divisions are aggravated, something of his confidence in the strength of democracy. He did the same thing last year in *Decision* which despite its real weaknesses as drama, had concussive power. In *Common Ground* Mr. Chodorov's important and challenging ideas find less persuasive expression.

## New Yorker Stories In Book Form

Sergeant Walter Bernstein, the Yank correspondent whose pieces have been appearing in *The New Yorker*, has a book scheduled for May 7 publication by the Viking Press called *Keep Your Head Down*. The book contains, in addition to the *New Yorker* stories of his war experiences, a chapter which originally appeared in the *Yale Review* and two now published for the first time.

Sergeant Bernstein started writing his book at Fort Benning, Georgia, and continued the story in army barracks, on a freighter going overseas, in Teheran, Cairo, Egypt, Tel-Aviv, the front in Italy and Sicily, and in New York when he came home on rotation.

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## OVERTONES

By HORACE GRENNELL

● Roy Harfis has become the new head of music for the Office of War Information.

● Randall Thompson's Testament to Freedom, recently performed for the first time by the Boston Symphony, has a text by Thomas Jefferson!

● Morton Gould has completed Prologue—1945, a work for piano written on commission and dedicated to the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations.

● Norman dell' Jole, young American composer, is the latest addition to the music faculty of Sarah Lawrence College.

● Max Goberman, whose beard is to be seen nightly in the pit of On the Town, will conduct six concerts of the newly formed WJZ Symphony Orchestra. Sir Thomas Beecham recently inaugurated the series, which may be heard on Saturdays at 4 p.m.

● Last year the two most frequently performed American composers by symphony orchestras throughout the country were Aaron Copland and Morton Gould.

● One of the famous scandals involving a critic who reviewed a performance that never took place concerns Leonid Sabaneiev, writing in 1916 in the Moscow paper, News of the Season. He wrote a devastating

review of a performance of Prokofiev's new Scythian Suite. The following is Prokofiev's answer, which appeared in Musicalny Sovremnik, Petrograd, 30 January 1917:

"In preliminary programs of the Moscow Symphonic Concerts under Koussevitzky's direction, it was announced that my Scythian Suite was to be performed under the composer's direction on the 12 of December. In view of the impossibility in time of war of gathering the augmented orchestra required for the work, its performance was canceled. . . . I hereby testify (1) that I never conducted in Moscow, (2) that my suite was not performed in Moscow, (3) that the critic could not acquaint himself with the music even from the score, for the only manuscript copy is in my hands.  
(Signed) SERGE PROKOFIEFF."

● Have you heard the one about the bassoon player at the Metropolitan Opera who, taking his first vacation in 20 years, went to the opera to hear Carmen. After the performance he rushed backstage, grabbed a hold of the second bassoonist and excitedly said, "You know that spot in the second act where we go bum-bum, bum-bum, bum-bum. Well, there's the most beautiful melody that goes with it. . . . Da Da dee-da Da, Da dee-da dee-da . . ." and he sang out the famous Toreador Song!

## Ben Davis Ball: A High Spot In New York Sunday, May 6

The First Ben Davis Ball will take place this coming Sunday afternoon, May 6, at the Golden Gate Casino, 142 St. and Lenox Ave. The great stage show preceding the ball will get under way at 4 o'clock.

The Cavalcade of stars will include such outstanding entertainers as Hazel Scott, Mary Lou Williams and Ted Wilson.

And here the list only begins for there will be Ray Lev, concert pianist; Canada Lee, famed dramatic actor now starring in *The Tempest*; Art Tatum, James P. Johnson, well known jazz musicians; Lucky Roberts; Kenneth Spencer; Jimmy Lunceford; Frankie Newton and his boys; Buck and Bubbles; Betty Royce; Max Polikoff; Laura Duncan; Norma Dolan; John Fleming; Mura Dehn; Thelma Carpenter; Hilda Sims; Elsa Freed and many, many others.

There will be stars from Bloomer

Girl, Oklahoma, Up in Central Park and On the Town. There will be a jam session, dance innovations and piano improvisations. There will be singing, comedy and modern dancing.

There will be stars from Hollywood and Broadway as well as from the radio. And the entire show will run three full hours.

Of course there will also be Ben Davis himself, to greet the stars and to speak a few words to the audience. And all of it pointing to the reelection of Ben to the City Council for two more years.

Tickets are now on sale at Workers Bookshop, 50 E. 13 St., and Jefferson School of Social Science.

## MOTION PICTURES

### THIRD BIG WEEK!

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**Louie**  
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## Ask North Italy Liberation Group Be Included in Gov't

Pietro Nenni and Palmiro Togliatti, leaders of the Italian Socialist and Communist Parties, met yesterday with Premier Ivanoe Bonomi and urged him immediately to contact the Committee of National Liberation in North Italy and make a complete change in the government, the Daily Worker learned.

Gen. Mark W. Clark has declared that the men heading the liberation movement in the north have shown by deeds they are capable of the democratic leadership of Italy. His

statement was made three days ago but was not reported in the American press.

In Milan, Luigi Longo (Gallo), former inspector general of the International Brigades in Spain and commander of Italian partisans in Lombardy, heads the five-party committee of Liberation. There are six parties in the south. Bonomi's Democracy of Labor Party does not exist in the north. (See earlier story on page 2.)

## Italy Jubilant But Pope Feels Duce Execution Not Orderly

ROME, April 29 (UP).—The Roman public and government, including Premier Ivanoe Bonomi, tonight hailed the news of the execution of Benito Mussolini with satisfaction but it was understood that the news was received by Vatican City with mixed feeling.

The United Press learned from unimpeachable Vatican sources that the Holy See believed that a more formal procedure should have been

adopted for the trial and execution of Mussolini and his henchmen.

There was no belief in the Vatican that the lives of the culprits should have been spared, but it was stated that the procedure should have been more orderly.

Vatican circles were also greatly displeased by the fact that the corpses were more or less maltreated and reviled during their public display in Milan.

## Mayor Warns V-E Day Still Leaves Us With Pacific Fighting

Mayor LaGuardia hailed the approaching defeat of Germany yesterday but warned that even after V-E Day this country is still at war and that "the boys in the Pacific are still going to be fighting and dying."

Speaking to New Yorkers over his WNYC weekly broadcast, he mentioned rumors that Germany had offered to surrender to the United States and Britain, and not to the Soviet Union. Everybody ought to think about the United States' reported answer that the surrender must be made to all three powers, he said.

### ON MEAT CRISIS

Speaking on the meat situation, LaGuardia reiterated his stand that he favored an increase in re-

tail prices in order to crush the black market. He asked continuance of meatless Tuesdays and Fridays and called on retail butchers to continue to be closed on Mondays.

The Mayor assailed breaking-up of the OPA War Emergency Court by action of the State Legislature and the Governor's signature last week. He characterized as a statement of "dishonest purpose" Dewey's statement that dissolution of the court into separate borough courts was for the convenience of the people.

"Of course, you and I know that that is not an honest statement," he said, "because the only ones that are brought to court are the violators of the law."

## Patch's Seventh Enters Munich

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over Luxembourg and Moscow Radios to the people of the city to aid the conquerors and to prevent Nazi fanatics from sabotaging waterworks and electric plants which were vitally needed for the welfare of the 828,000 civilians.

The drive into Munich was accompanied by a new thrust toward the Austrian border, with one column of the 10th Armored Division hammering 10 miles southeast to capture Oberammergau, scene of the annual Passion Play.

At Oberammergau, the 10th was within 27 miles northwest of Innsbruck, northern gateway to the Brenner Pass and one of the most vital transportation hubs in the Nazis' national redoubt area.

Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army tanks and infantry were reported continuing their drive south of the Danube, on the way toward Berchtesgaden, Hitler's birthplace at Braunau on the Austro-German frontier, and a linkup with the Red Army moving up the Danube.

Under cover of a barrage by more than 400 guns, the 15th Scots In-

fantry Division and the 1st British Commando Brigade crossed the Elbe at Lauenburg, 23 miles south of invested Hamburg, at about 2 a.m. Sunday.

In assault boats and amphibious Buffalo tanks, the Scots and Britons stormed the high dykelike north bank and secured a bridgehead nearly three miles wide and two deep. They met but light to moderate resistance and took 1,000 prisoners in the first few hours.

To the west, British troops were advancing along both banks of the Weser River from captured Bremen, threatening the naval base of Bremerhaven and the port of Wesermunde.

American and Soviet troops along the Elbe where they had made their historic junction held their positions, dispatches said, and Americans were forbidden to cross to the Soviet side except in official parties.

It was learned here that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was in close contact with the Soviet commanders, planning the final moves to liquidate German resistance.

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Soviet artillery smashes its way through the shattered streets of Berlin. The Red Army was reported yesterday mopping up Nazi remnants.

## Polish Jews Rebel at Germans Burying Murdered Dead

By ROBERT RICHARDS

NEUNBURG, April 29 (UP).—Chuna Grunbaum and his fellow Jews from Poland, who had made the long march and survived, stood in the woods near this little town today and told Neunburg's Germans:

"Do not touch our dead. We will pick them up ourselves."

All the men of Neunburg gathered this morning with their women, and most of their children, and marched to a woodland where the bodies of 161 Polish Jews lay scattered carelessly in three shallow graves. The SS men who murdered them were in such a rush to escape approaching American columns that they hardly took time to spread earth over the pitiful heaps of what once were humans.

The Jewish victims were inmates of the Flossenbürg concentration camp. They had been herded along the roads in a forced march as the Nazis attempted to remove as much evidence as possible of their own black record as jailers.

Those who were too weak to carry on, or who halted seeking food and water, were shot through the head or knocked down with a club. Every one of the bodies bore evidence of violence, either a bullet hole or a smashed skull which nearly always had a wound that nearly obliterated the right eye.

### COMPEL GERMANS TO LOOK

After these bodies were found, Americans in this area decided it would be good for the Germans of Neunburg to see what has been going on in the Reich while German families lived a normal life, so, they marched the town's populace a half mile from the town to the woods, with parties of four German men carrying caskets.

Their job was to take the bodies back to a tiny cemetery nearer town for decent burial. But when the time came to lift the bodies into the coffins,

the few Jews who still survived cried:

"No German will touch our dead!"

So, tenderly and quietly, they lifted each body into its wooden box.

Abraham Jacobovits, 17-year-old Jewish survivor, walked to one thin form and pointed.

"That was my father. I took him by the hand to lead him, but he was too weak. He fell, and they shot him," said Abraham.

Then, with four Germans carrying each coffin, now filled, and with a Jewish refugee marching at the head of each coffin praying in Hebrew, the procession turned toward the cemetery.

At least 2,200 German men and women filed past the bodies in the woods, and it was difficult to say how they felt. Most seemed to have the attitude of:

### ATTITUDE IS "SO WHAT?"

"Why do this to me? I didn't do it. I didn't know about it."

In the midst of the burial, one refugee recognized Pfc. Earl Saltau, 25, Los Angeles, and called out to him. They had been neighbors in Satu-Mare, Romania, until 1939, when Saltau left for the United States.

Saltau learned from the refugee for the first time that the Germans had killed everyone in his home town over 45 years old, probably including his father.

The procession of Germans past the dead lasted from 8 a. m. to well past noon. A German-speaking American sergeant said at intervals over a public address system:

"We blame you, the German people, for these misdeeds. You are responsible."

First Lt. Edward Katz, Cleveland, Ohio, kept the German file moving past the emaciated bodies, shouting:

"Look at them. Go ahead and look." The German people, staring, hurried past.

## Anthracite Strike Looms

A strike may hit Pennsylvania anthracite coal production unless John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers agree to extension of the contract, which expires at midnight today.

Operators, in session at Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, wired Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes

Saturday their agreement to extend the pact 30 days but the UMW announced only that it was "continuing to give the subject consideration." Ickes had requested the extension to assure continued coal production.

Lewis argued against extension which he said would lead to "prolongation of uncertainty." Negotiations for a new contract are currently under way but haven't been concluded. Miners' demands ask a 25 percent wage increase and a 10-cent-a-ton royalty on coal.

## Ministers Discuss Argentina Status

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 (UP).—The question of Argentina was threshed out at a weekend conference of the Big Three foreign ministers — Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., Vyacheslav Molotov and Anthony Eden together with Ezequiel Padilla of Mexico, Pedero Velloso of Brazil and Joaquin Fernandez of Chile.

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